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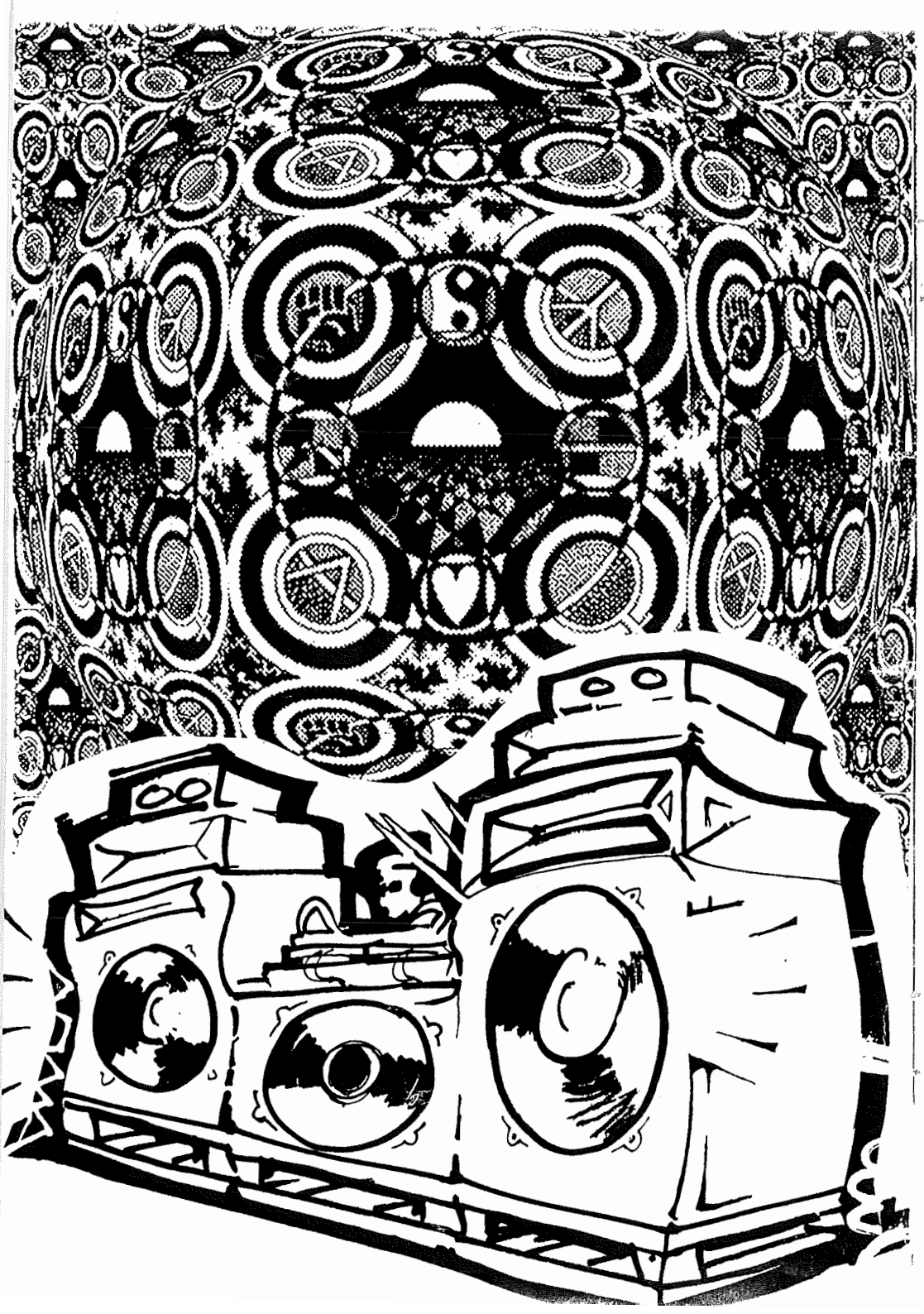

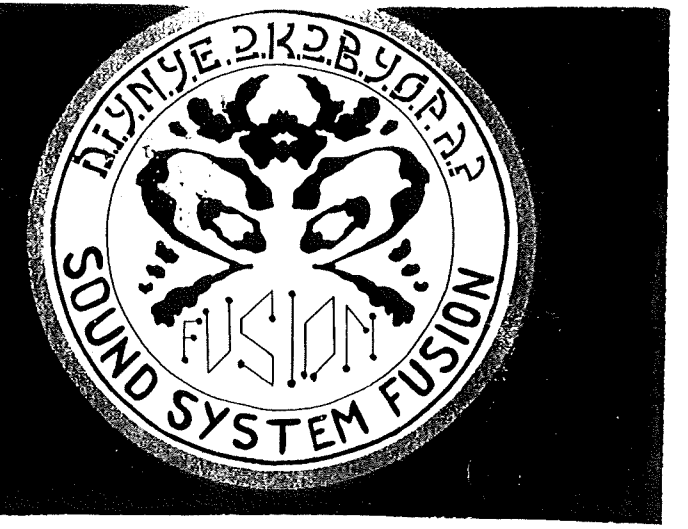

Welcome to your sound system festival

The idea of '2020 fusion' is to try and unite Sydney's dance community around a non-hierarchical dance festival where entrance is free and participants are encouraged to Co-create an amazing event.

We are all in this together, as the powers that be are determined to take us towards destruction it's up to us to create an alternative earth friendly system that will become more attractive to people than the old dominator way. The idea is to set up a village where anyone can plug in and be part of the co-ordination of the event. Benefit gigs in the lead up to New Year can provide the resources for generators, insurance venue and promotion. NYE was initially earmarked for the event but it may be preferable to run the event just prior to New Year on the last weekend of 2001 offering participants the opportunity to get involved with other NYE events or stay as they choose. If you think you have input or ideas you can e-mail ohmsnotbombs@microsuxx.com

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Welcome again to another info dredge from the sea of media stimulus that bombards us. The media is laden with many vested interests that hold the unhappy mainstream status quo together whilst the Independent media revolution is demanding a global shake up of the way society organises itself. We are not waiting for the powers that be to slowly turn around and reform in its own sluggish time but doing it ourselves, right now, around the world.

From the outback anti nuke party blockades, forest vigils to the front line of anti corporate protests globally the self publishing D I.Y Indy media phenomenon is mushrooming.

This zine attempts to make sense out of people's on-road experiences, protests letters, photocopied info, web-sites and e-mail's. We are living in amazing changing times, the forces of positively are forming a new planet and attracting an increasing gravity. The alternative consciousness is hybridising, coming together and finding common ground on the earth and in cyberspace.

The Internet is providing a global arena for activists to consolidate plans for a self-organised and autonomous world. We are building up our own liberated systems that respect diversity and the planet's future. Once we have derailed the insane power hungry dominator system untold possibilities await us. If you keep rocking the boat something will shift.

Sporadical has been going since 1993 coming out of the *Vibe Tribe* doofy community foray into the explosive early nineties, the zine continues into the 'naughties' morphing into *Earthzine* to attempt to document at least some of the amazing Earthdream convoy that occurs now every winter in Australia.

Your input is encouraged for future zines, which will hopefully be less Sporadic and more Spore Radical. The more radical spores the better, so the future social forest reflects the amazing diversity we witness in the planetary ecosystems.

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thanks to all that have contributed, helped out and encouraged Sporadical *over the years...*

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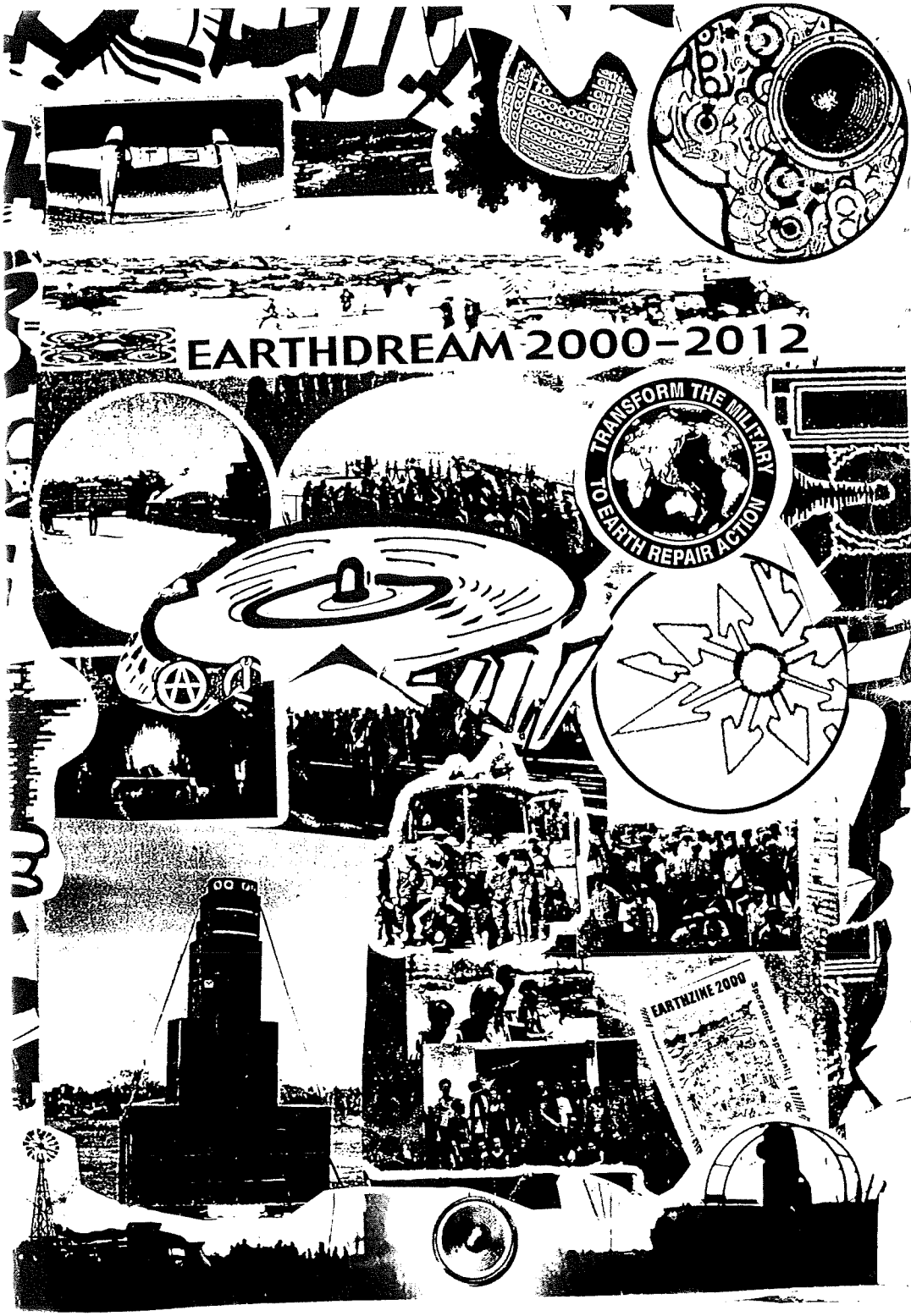
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VIVA INDYMEDIA - JOHN JACOBS

HI FOLKS,

I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF ANNOUNCING A VICTORY FOR RTS AND INDYMEDIA VIDEOACTIVISM.THE CHARGE AGAINST ME OF ASSAULTING A POLICE OFFICER AT THE LAST RECLAIM THE STREETS PARTY/PROTEST WAS THROWN OUT OF COURT.

I WOULD SAY THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR WAS THE VIDEO OF THE INCIDENT TAKEN BY AN INDYMEDIA VIDEOACTIVIST.

THE INITIAL POLICE STATEMENT OF THE FACTS (SIC) WAS CHANGED TO BE MORE ACCURATE ONCE THEY HEARD WE WOULD BE USING VIDEO EVIDENCE. THEY THEN STARTED BRINGING IN THEIR OWN FOOTAGE OF THE INCIDENT. IT WAS SHOT FROM A NICE PANORAMIC LOCATION, AND NOT FROM THE STREET LIKE OURS AND SO HAD A CLEAR VIEW OF THE MOMENTS OF CONTACT BETWEEN ME AND A PUSHBIKE POLICE OFFICER.

MY ARGUMENT WAS THAT I SAW A POLICE OFFICER LOSING IT WHILST WAVING A FIVE METER TRIPOD POLE AROUND IN A CROWD OF PEACEFUL PROTESTERS, SO I TOUCHED AND TALKED TO HIM TO CALM HIM DOWN. HE THEN TURNED AROUND PUNCHED ME IN THE FACE, PUT ME IN A HEAD LOCK AND ARRESTED ME FOR ASSAULTING HIM. TOUCHING CAN BE AN ASSAULT ACCORDING TO THE LAWS.

THIS SORT OF TRUTH REVERSAL IS STANDARD PRACTICE. IN COURT, THE POLICE SPEAK FIRST AND IT WAS INTERESTING TO SIT THERE AND HEAR HOW THEY BUILD UP A CASE WITH CLEVER WORDS THAT REALLY CAN CONVINCE EVEN AN IMPARTIAL MAGISTRATE THAT THE PROTESTERS WERE IN THE WRONG.

BUT ONCE MY ARGUMENT WAS BEING RUN AND I HAD A CHANCE TO SHOW BOTH VIDEO TAPES AT NORMAL SPEED AND IN SLOW MOTION I FELT THAT THE STORY WAS BEING STRAIGHTENED OUT. I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT ACTIVIST FOOTAGE BE REALLY PRODUCED UP FOR COURT REPLAY. HAVING THE FOOTAGE REALTIME AND UNEDITED AT FIRST ESTABLISHES ITS VERACITY. BUT THEN HAVING IT SLOWED DOWN GAVE ME A CHANCE TO TALK IN COURT AND EXPLAIN WHAT WAS HAPPENING FROM MY POINT OF VIEW. ALSO I WAS ABLE TO LET THE TAPE RUN ON PAST THE "INCIDENT" TO SHOW OTHER THINGS SUPPORTING MY CASE. EXTENDED BRUTAL HEADLOCK, A POLICE OFFICER ADMITTING I WAS ONLY TRYING TO HELP, MY SMILING STATEMENT OF MY NON VIOLENT INTENTIONS TO CAMERA AS I WAS FROGMARCHED INTO CUSTODY. I RECON THIS COULD BE TAKEN A BIT FURTHER WITH CUTAWAYS FREEZE FRAMES ANIMATED POINTERS AND ON SCREEN TEXT.

OK IT ALL SEEMS A BIT HOLYWOOD OR SOMETHING, BUT WE CAN NOW EASILY DO THIS ON HOME COMPUTERS AND IT REALLY HELPS SHOW WHAT HAPPENED. OJSIMPSON ON YER DESKTOP. WE ARE ACTING FULLY WITHIN THE LAW WHEN WE PEACEFULLY PROTEST AND THANKS TO VIDEOACTIVISM WE CAN DISPEL THE FOG THAT THE POLICE PROSECUTOR BRINGS INTO THE COURT ROOM AND TAKE THE MAGISTRATE TO THE FRONTLINE.

SOUND IS ALSO IMPORTANT. THE POLICE TAPE WAS SILENT. THE INDYMEDIA TAPE CLEARLY HAS CROWD COMMENTS, MY WORDS AFTER ARREST AND PARTY/PROTEST MUSIC ATMOSPHERE. AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT MY LITTLE PUSHBIKE MOUNTED SOUND SYSTEM WAS PLAYING CHUMBAWUMBAS "I FALL DOWN, I GET UP AGAIN, YOU'RE NEVER GUNNA KEEP US DOWN" AND IT WAS A BOOST TO MY IN COURT MORALE IF NOTHING ELSE TO HEAR THIS IN THE BACKGROUND.

ON THE WAY TO THE HEARING I FELL OFF MY BIKE DODGING TRAFFIC AND BROKE MY WRIST ONLY METERS AWAY FROM THE SPOT WHERE I WAS ARRESTED WHILST THE COMMUNITY RECLAIMED ITS STREETS. I FELL DOWN, GOT UP AGAIN AND RODE TO COURT WHERE RTS BEAT THE COPS SINGLE HANDED.

THEY'RE NEVER GUNNA KEEP US DOWN :)

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CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE BIBIBULAK FOUNDATION

MISSION STATEMENT

BibiBulak is a Non-Governmental Organization that has come to East Timor in order to promote education and the arts. We use 'the arts', particularly theatre and music, to help educate the public on public health, environmental, agricultural, and economic issues that UN department officials, International/National NGOs, and the Timorese have already identified as important. The other aspect of the educational mission focuses on individual growth, especially of children and youth, in terms of developing their skills, confidence, and modes of self-expression/creativity. Art, drama, and games will be explored with this age group. Young adults will be encouraged to express themselves through music and poetry, and to participate in our theatrical/educational mission.

Another primary educational goal of BibiBul. includes the capacitation of Timorese English and computer instructors, which is a priority of many people in East Timor.

We aim to garner enough support to establish a community education and arts centre to eventually leave in the hands of a group of Timorese. It can serve as a rehearsal space, classroom, recording studio, and also a workshop space for international educator/performers who come to teach in their respective artistic fields. It will be equipped with as many computers and educational tools as possible. This includes musical instruments and music/video production equipment, theatre prop-making materials, art supplies, record players, books, acro-balance floor mats, etc.

Initially the BibiBulak international staff will be running the programs, while seeking Timorese recruits with the motivation and commitment to carry out these activities in the spirit of public service. We will then tour villages and towns all over East Timor as a theatrical performance troupe, incorporating music and education in every aspect. We want to impart our skills and knowledge to a group of empowered Timorese who will eventually carry on the BibiBulak projects.

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SOME BASIC INSIGHT INTO THE BACKGROUND AND CURRENT SITUATION IN EAST TIMOR

East Timor is a small nation of less than one million people that occupies half of an island 500km northwest of Darwin, Australia. After four and a half centuries of Portuguese colonization, the East Timorese were poised for independence due to a revolution in Portugal, which meant freedom for all its former colonies. As the Timorese scrambled to assemble a newly independent nation, Indonesia used the internal political chaos to justify a massive military invasion on December 7, 1975. It is now clear that this was carried out with full foreknowledge and approval from major global powers like Australia, Britain and the US.

For 24 years the Timorese resisted, while the First World played the silent partner. The State Department and the Pentagon were largely to blame for the unfair fight. It doubled its contributions through its IMET (International Military Education Training) program, and was supplying 90% of the arms, steering finances to Indonesia through the World Bank. Many were to blame, especially Ford who had given the green light to Suharto. Eighteen hours after he and Kissinger left Jakarta, East Timor was invaded. Carter supplied the planes and helicopters. Vice-President Walter Mondale expedited the shipment of fighter planes, and Reagan was making $40 million per year and in 1986 made $300 million from arms deals with Indonesia. They were accomplices in one of the most disturbing and brutal episodes in modern history. An estimated 250,000 East Timorese lost their lives to torture, bullets, knives, bombs, napalm, hunger, and/or disease as a result from years of Indonesian oppression. Resistance was intense. The clandestine Falintil Fighters defended themselves in the mountains, guerrilla-style, with only ambush tactics and handmade weapons; any rifles they had were plied from the hands of dead Indonesian soldiers. Unlike freedom-fighting guerrillas in any other country in recent memory, these guys had absolutely no outside help. (OK, there were a few Portuguese soldiers who stayed on to help in '75, and one American and one Australian 'Rambo' type character that came along later and fought with Falintil.) They managed to stave off the well-armed Indonesians (thanks to the Americans, British, Japanese, Germans, Canadians, and French) for 24 long years, relying on natural medicines and an underground supply network that operated under the Indos' noses, in spite of the threat of deadly reprisals. Women, who were known associates and/or wives of Falintil were tortured for information and often raped inside group chambers, often near military bases. During all these years of Indonesian occupation, locals were forbidden to speak to foreigners. There were many traitorous spies, coerced and/or bribed, operating in East Timor. Anyone suspected of, or seen exchanging with, the outside world often just disappeared. Human rights workers cannot begin to account for the disappearances, torture victims, and rapes that occurred during this occupation. We have personally spoken with (listened to, I should say) James Dunn, an Australian diplomat who was in East Timor in '75 and who now is in charge of the investigation of these Crimes against Humanity. He's a busy man. Not a family was untouched by this protracted nightmare.

Finally after years of looking the other way, and eight years after the Santa Cruz Massacre*, the international community and the UN were basically forced to oversee a popular Referendum on August 30, 1999. American-based ETAN, the East Timorese Action Network had placed tons of political pressure on State Representatives to vote against the IMET program. They were successful. Representatives from Rhode Island, Wisconsin, and other states demanded a retraction of IMET. This was a major victory. This Referendum would determine whether or not the Timorese preferred 'autonomy' under the Indonesians or 'Ukun Rasik An' (self-rule) -- complete independence. The voter turnout was staggering (98%) and the vote was decisively (78%) in favour of independence, despite heavy intimidation in many places. The Indonesians Generals and the pro-'autonomy' militia expressed their disapproval when the results were announced on September 4, 1999. Many songs mention this date. The militias were unleashed all over East Timor, resulting in over 70% of the buildings being bombed and burned. Dili, the capital city, was particularly wrecked. UN officials, 5 journalists, and thousands of refugees were trapped in the UN compound, while thousands fled to the mountains. The UN decided to evacuate. (*You can witness the stoicism of a UN official repeatedly explaining to two pleading women that the decision had come from New York). The hardcore journalists inside refused to leave. This refusal forced the UN to stay another 48 hours and to organize a few boats for refugee evacuation. Most people weren't so fortunate. A thousand or so were killed in the following weeks as the militias raped and pillaged, bombed, burnt, and looted any and everything of value. And some 250,000 were forced across the border into West Timor, which is Indonesian controlled. It was as if the 24 years of terror-rule were folded into a three-week nightmare. At the moment it is estimated that 100,000 are still in squalid refugee camps guarded by the Militia, who constantly harass and misinform them about the situation back home. Of course their plight worsened when all UN workers left West Timor, for fear of another attack like the one that left three UN Human Rights workers gruesomely machetied to death on September 6, 2000, in Atambua, a village near the border.

Meanwhile in East Timor, more than a year after the violence, frustration with UNTAET (UN Transitional Administration in East Timor) is increasing. Diseases, water, and food shortages are still a daunting problem. Power supplies and infrastructure are pathetically far from adequate. The health care system will be reliant on international aid for the foreseeable future. With the amount of money the UN has spent here, one would think that these things could be a bit farther along. What are the tangible results now and what will the end result be? To many Timorese, it really looks as if the 'Malaes' (foreigners) are here now just to cash in. Most have no significant contact with locals, and can't be bothered to study any of the 34 local languages. All the hard-up locals see is alien-esque 'malaes' driving around in new air-conditioned Land Rovers to non-local cafes to spend their per diems of approximately $175, while sending their tax-free wages home. UN officials make a salary in the range of $2000-$5,000/week. The average 2000 budget for UNTAET was approximately 468 million US dollars.

The future is uncertain and frustration is growing since many questions aren't being answered. The public and students have no affordable or reliable access to the Internet. Radio Falintil has been taken over by foreign broadcasters. Portuguese has been declared to be the official language and is being taught in all the schools, while everyone young speaks Bahasa Indonesia, Tetum, and a diversity of local tongues, and the students almost all want to study English. Another UN boondoggle, this one regarding school furniture procurement, has meant that tens of thousands of primary school students are *still* sitting on the floor. Many schools' roofs have yet to be fixed, and the rainy season is already in effect in many places. University students have had their education severely interrupted. Many were in the middle of programs in various parts of Indonesia (one of the only benefits of the annexation) but cannot continue for fear of reprisals, since militias all over Indonesia continue to menace East Timorese. And the university here in Dili was has only just re-opened in November of 2000, but is woefully understaffed and under-funded, far from world class, and hasn't been able to accept all the qualified students who wish to attend. The Timorese involved are doing their best in a grim situation, but they're not getting a lot of help from anyone. The World Bank is granting contracts to outside businesses, instead of supporting local ones. The list goes on and on. We meet more people all the time who are incredibly distraught over UN waste, mismanagement, and arrogance. And I haven't heard a single Timorese person express anything other than disgust and wishes for a speedy departure for the UN Bureaucracy.

Despite the adversity here, the Timorese people remain strong. There is an incredible amount of revolutionary spirit here, which is expressed through graffiti and music. Plenty of graffiti expresses discontent with Indonesia, the UN, and Australia. A fair few gutsy singers wrote songs so inspiring that they became wanted by the Indonesians and the militia. The process of healing and rebuilding is well underway. There is now a Timorese women's NGO called FOKUPERS that helps women deal with their trauma. Unsurprisingly, many of the '75 era political rivalries have resurfaced. It seems likely, however, that the new and relatively independent government will have a broad mandate under the leadership of the ever-popular Xanana Gusmao, (ex-commander of Falintil) and '96 Noble Peace Prize recipient, Jose Ramos Horta. This should happen late in 2001. But a constitution must first be written before elections can take place, but it's difficult because there are dozens of influences (primarily Western democracies/international capital) trying to shape their law and their leaders. Few Timorese people are ready to play roles in this distorted, shadowy reality called *government*. It is easy to imagine a peaceful, abundant and completely sustainable culture flourishing on this island; and what a triumph and example to the world that would be.

*The Santa Cruz Massacre of November 12. 1991 was filmed by an English journalist, Max Stern, who was there recording the procession that followed the wake of Sebastico Gomes, a youth who was killed by an Indonesian soldier. Donaciano Gomes organized this peaceful demonstration in response to the Portuguese delegation cancelling their visit to Timor. Organizers believed that there would be no violence since UN Special Rapporteur on Torture, Pieter Koojimans, would arrive in Dili on November 11, 1991. The procession of nearly a thousand, waving pro-independence banners, left the Motael Church and headed for the Santa Cruz Cemetery. Military trucks mobilized and pelted the protesters with rocks, and managed to divide the group. The funeral service was short due to their presence. And then, without warning a troop of Indonesian soldiers began firing. They killed 271 people. They injured a hundred more, including two Australian journalists, Allan Nairn and Amy Goodman, who are only alive because they screamed that they were Americans (the allies). In the days following, they brutally arrested and tortured those who had attended. They followed the wounded back to the military hospital and beat them to death with rocks and injected them with cold water in lieu of medicine. 68 people were marched to Be-Mos River, one km south of Dili and shot. The English journalist managed to get his footage out to the world. During this time Jose Ramos Horta appealed to the United Nations Security Council. The people waited four months and were met with no answers. Supporters around the globe decided to sail a Portuguese boat, the Lithuania, also known as the Peace Boat, to East Timor. But access was denied following a meeting with US officials who were quoted as saying that they would not abandon friends during their times of adversity (their Indonesian allies). Timor was gaining more international attention, thanks to Nairn and Goodman, who had been giving interviews on Voice of America. Also Stern's footage was circulating, footage that gave a glimpse into the terror tactics and brutality that Indonesia had been wielding over the Timorese since 1975. Finally, East Timor's story was being heard.

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EARHTDREAM REVIVAL ON ATAURO ISLAND

The arrival of Tim (Doug of onsider it Dug?fame), Telia, and Miranda la Mutanta during the last week of October has meant a second wave of action packed taxi?for the residents of Dili and Atauro Island. Joining forces with Yohan Blisster and Shannon 99 who have been here since the beginning of August, the fivesome conspired to create another original comedic theatre piece. We assembled a few musical numbers, and took an early morning, three hour boat ride to the same scenic island that an ED crew visited in mid August.

Finding accommodation once again available in the relatively luxurious house of the former Portuguese governor, the new streamlined ED team enjoyed a week of performing, working with children, and intensely enjoying an unspoiled tropical island.

The show featured la Mutanta in the role of UNTAET? (United Nations?Transitional Administration in East Timor) ?A poke at a well meaning but hapless humotype, the Rich Foreign Woman who buys up everything in the locals? market- in hopes of impressing the king and queen of Portugal (played by T & T), who are coming over for a formal dinner. She is assisted by a manservant, Atuas Los?(ruly old man? played by Blisster, unbothered, who knows why, to always find himself in such a role). Her plans for a polite evening were spoiled, however, by one Bibi Bulak (razy goat? played by Shannon, who favors this role so much that it appears in every piece of theatre the group produces) who makes a mess of things at the market; and then, incredibly is sold to the nearsighted Mrs. U as a motorcycle which she somehow manages to ride home! Katuas is out of breath from running along behind while carrying a full box of groceries and wagging his umbrella despite a horrible back ache, when he arrives home to find that Mrs. U has crashed the Motor? in her driveway. He finally breaks the news to her about the bogus bike, but there is no time to nurse Mrs. U sore backside- the royalty are on their way! They hide the Bibi under the dining room table and prepare a bizarre meal according to Mrs. U misunderstood Tetun recipes: fish filleted in sugar and a cake full of salt. Mind you- all of the action is carried out in a hyper-slapstick style that has the audience of mostly children causing trouble for whomever does the washing.

The king and queen arrive full of pomp and finely costumed in foil and cardboard crowns. They decline the initial offer of ua?(sweet palm wine- a local favorite) causing a dilemma when they request sprite, which necessitates a quick run to the store. While Mrs. U and Katuas are out, the Bibi rears up and attacks the king, ripping off half of his right pants leg. Sprite is served and the guests are seated, but the devil Katuas oversteps his position by kissing the queen, and then pulling the chair out from under the king. Dinner is served and a bit of stilted, predictable conversation ensues. Enter a mosquito, which lands on Mrs. U nose, causing her eyes to cross just before being simultaneously struck by the king and Katuas. She is most upset to be knocked off her seat such wise. (During this ruckus, the bibi steals the bottle of Tua from the table and quickly downs it, getting visibly drunker and drunker) After a loud fart (actually faked by the goat) the queen asks to use the bathroom. She reenters a moment later shrieking that there a crocodile in there! Katuas moves to investigate, but is stopped by the king who must of course prove his manhood and stomps offstage with a chest fully inflated. He too runs back on screaming in fear. This leaves it to the venerable Katuas, since Mrs. Untaet is pirouette-ing upon a chair. K. goes out and a moment later is screaming for help, now all visible except for his left leg which is ostensibly in the jaws of the croc., just off stage. With a laugh he steps unharmed onstage and pulls from his red and white leisure suit jacket pocket a tiny rubber crocodile which caused all the fuss. Ha ha ha. Dinner done, coffee offered. King accepts, but the queen wants milk, and of course there is none. The light bulb goes on in Katuas?head and they decide to milk the bibi right there in front of the guests. After a bit of struggle with the drunken goat, which involves and absurd acro-balance, the milk is got and served to the queen, who slams it.
She, then, too, is instantly drunk due to the high alcohol content of the Tua-milk. She begins to dance and blabber wildly, and falls into the king arms. By now Mrs. Untaet is beside herself. Convinced that the whole party has been a failure, and the royal family will return to Portugal quite unimpressed with all things U.N., she has a nervous breakdown, which strangely enough, the crowd always finds hilarious. Just picture Miranda in an electric blue bob cut wig, tight red satin pants and chaps, frilly-sparkly cape-jacket, and grade-tinted violet shades.

All is not lost, however. The king proves really mellow and undisturbed. He jolly. He says the queen hasn been so happy in years. He claps his hands and calls for music. Mrs. U passes the buck to Katuas, again- who pulls out an early 80 mini keyboard with plenty of preset rhythms, and throws down a waltz. The bibi, on a weak legged par with the queen, is brought out from under the table to serve as Mrs. U partner. The dancers want some funk after that waltz, and cajole the old codger into usting a move? which he does with shocking ease after ripping off his coat in the style of Denny Terrio (remember ance fever? The 70 disco show?) He and Mrs. U then awe the crowd (they haven seen any kind of show in a long, long time) with some more sophomoric acro-balancing. This leads into a short bit of live music performed for the royal pleasure, featuring guitar, pennywhistle, violin, percussion, and voice.

Apart from performing, another major goal of the current crew is to work with children in creating pieces that they perform. They worked with a mixed age group of about 25 kids in two sessions, which culminated in the dramatization of the Timorsese legend of the

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March 3, 2001 marks a day thatcould live in infamy forever here in East Timor.

Local residents of Bidau Santa-Ana in Dili reported that they had seen what appeared to be a crazed goat/woman-like creature on top of goat/mountain ,quote, "eating grass and meeyeahing." Crowds gathered to witness the spectacle, some stared in disbelief, and others took their children inside. Tensions heightened when the usual inhabitants of the mountain(an estimated 12 goats) came home to find this 'impostor' squatting their space. The goats, normally steadfast and sure-footed by nature, were collectively challenged by this wild-eyed anomaly, and approached cautiously en masse in order to reclaim their homestead. Some of goats began preparing for battle, clashing horns and warning their young. The action mounted as the goat creature began her descent and locked into a staring match with one of the herd. Then without warning, she rushed the staunch mob and the usual quiet atmosphere of the small fishing village was thrown into turmoil. The goats panicked. Some escaped to more difficult and precarious parts of the mountain, while others fled downwards and ran towards the beach. Mothers grabbed their children and passing motorists sped away. The goat-woman gave chase to the children and almost gnawed the shirt off a seemingly delirious man who couldn't stop laughing.

Dogs were barking at the goat woman but she was unfazed, and more crazed. Then she disappeared. The King of East Timor, Feliciano the Fearless, who hails from Atauro, witnessed the entire incident. He was lucky not to have been harmed. He had maintained his composure and was able to direct a passing reporter in the direction in which she ran and give a detailed description. He said she was rather large for a goat.

Brown fur with a dark brown mid-section had horns about medium-sized, and floppy ears. Two flame-like black lines on either cheek made her face distinctly recognizable. He also swore that she wore black sandals that looked like market fare.

The following day she shocked two 'malae' (foreign) patrons at a small local restaurant only one kilometer away by jumping on to their table just after they finished lunch. At the time, both were on mobile phones to their colleagues, whom admitted later that by the sound of their screams and the goat-woman's frantic 'meeyeahing'...they feared worst. One of the patrons could have suffered severe head trauma after he fell backwards in his chair. Luckily the pair had been drinking heavily and he probably didn't feel a thing. No one knows why the goat appeared. Some speculate that she did not agree with the heavy consummation of imported beer. Some think it may have been their crass and banal conversations; their obnoxious malae accents maybe. No one knows exactly, but apparently the goat-woman shouted to them "Lanu Labele kaer motor" (translated: Don't drive if you're drunk) as they made their escape. Perhaps this crazy goat-woman is aware of the growing problem of International staff driving drunk. This has not been confirmed yet, but confidential sources say that the goat could be unusually intelligent, perhaps even an autistic genius, but could not say why. After her chaotic entrance that left a sea of beer cans below, she took only a split-second glance around, and then paid the bill for the exact amount. The owners of the restaurant dismissed it as pure coincidence. They claimed it was impossible because she would've had to factor in the current exchange rates. Others that have had dealings with this goat-woman in the past maintain that she must have been somewhat clever in order to make atraxis (shows), but now displays a rare sort of intelligence. They suspect that something has gone awry, because she was not autistic-like or crazy when she arrived in August 2000. Investigations are underway. Luckily some of this footage was caught on tape by an independent reporter and will air around March 20th on TVTL (Television Timor Lorosa'e) on the new BibiBulak Show.

Earthdreamers Mad Max meets the Merry Pranksters

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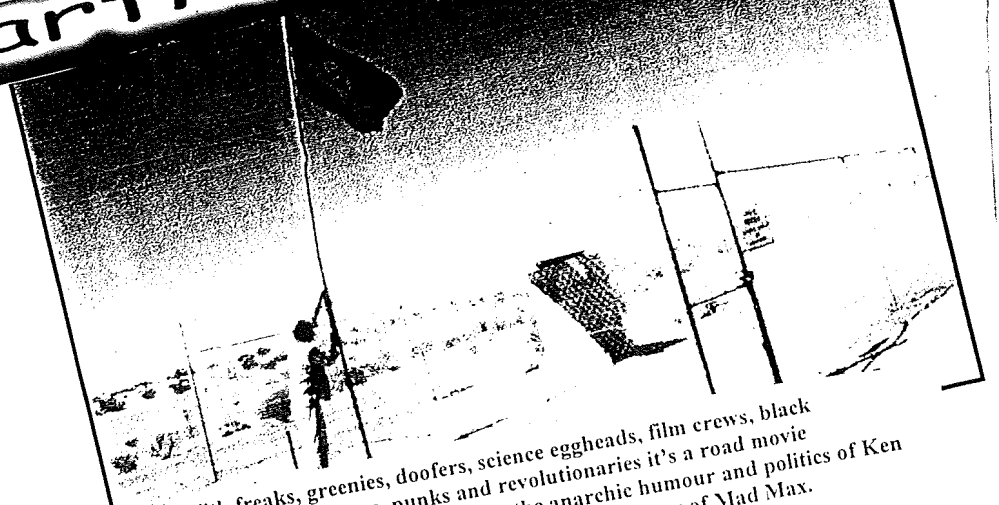

With freaks, greenies, doofers, science eggheads, film crews, black fellas, crusties, ravers, punks and revolutionaries it's a road movie through Australia which combines the anarchic humour and politics of Ken Kesey's Merry Pranksters with the dusty technology of Mad Max.

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bus beats

May 26 of last year saw some of Sydney's more politically minded souls board the Peacebus for a 2000km Earthdream journey. The mobile protest party were attempting to highlight the damage and destruction caused by Western Mining's Roxby operation near Lake Eyre. After a journey which involved meeting traditional landowners, bus repairs involving coat-hangers, brushes with the law, wild nights around the fire and doofy soundtracks the Peacebus has returned to Sydney.

What were the main aims of the Peacebus expedition? Who took part in the convoy?

The Peacebus as its name implies spreads peace, weather it be peaceful and sustainable relationships to the land or encouraging a peaceful and harmonious society the bus represents people having taken a certain control of their lives through being creative and encouraging other's creativity. A group of 12 joined the bus on this year's Earthdream two week magical mystery tour to SA. The crew was made up of Ohms Not Bombs, System Corrupt and Reclaim the Streets stalwarts as well as some French revolutionaries, a Spaniard and some UK adventurers.

How many kilometres did you cover and how long did it take? What music styles did you cover on the way?

The trip out there took two and a half days and covered two thousand kms, mostly on bitumen road until the last few hundred kms on the Oonondatta dirt track to Lake Eyre in the far north of SA. The Peacebus is equipped with a mobile sound system, DJ booth facing out of a hatch where the back window used to be, generator on the roof and huge speakers in the luggage doors, we did spontaneous street parties in Broken Hill and Wilcannia and drove into Mutonia music broadsiding the vast desert landscape. The music varied from reggae, hip hop, techno and breaks to extreme hard and breakcore noise.

You met some of the traditional landowners on your trip. How did they react to a multi-coloured bus and repetitive beats?

The Arabunna people of the Lake Eyre region welcomed the people that had come to their land on the Earthdream convoy. Uncle Kevin Buzzacott Arabunna elder and activist has been happy to see a large turnout of people come and help him draw attention to the environmental damage uranium mining is doing in the area, especially Western Mining's Roxby operation draining the fragile arid ecosystems of water to process uranium.

How did the locals in general react to the bus and its inhabitants?

Generally favourable, some campers were not into what they coined the "machine guns at dawn" when they woke up to hear 200bpm plus jackhammer beats at sunrise one morning, but our music crossed over most musical styles at least once during our stay, so most feet were tapping to at least some of our sounds.

What is the situation in terms of uranium mining and land rights at the moment?

The land rights and anti uranium movement have a lot in common, a lot more people are rallying finding out the Aboriginal traditional way is similar to the visions of libertarian thinkers and activists in Australia. There is a big Aboriginal organised protest in Canberra on July 1st called Reignite the Fight that will bring indigenous and non indigenous people together to protest on a variety of issues, the active massive is getting bigger as we build a new way from the grassroots up.

How do you think the convoy helps the situation?

The bus brings people out to where the mining companies are causing the damage, the convoy which last year attracted people from 21 countries has globalised the debate and Australia's role in toxic uranium industry. Anyone is welcome to join the Earthdream convoy that sets sail every winter in Australia, for more check out **www.beam.to/earthdream** or **www.omsnotbombs.org** for more.

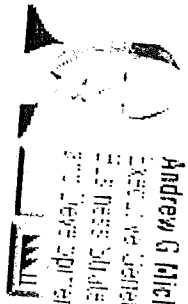
What's next for the Ohms Not Bombs crew?

The next mission is Canberra on July 1st for the Reignite the Fight Indigenous solidarity protest at Parliament House, there will be lots of debate, calls for justice and colourful musical activism, check out www.active.org.au for more on this event.

For a full story, details on the campaign, diary and pictures from the tour check out www.omsnotbombs.org soon.

HANDS OFF LAKE EYRE

Tony O'Neill



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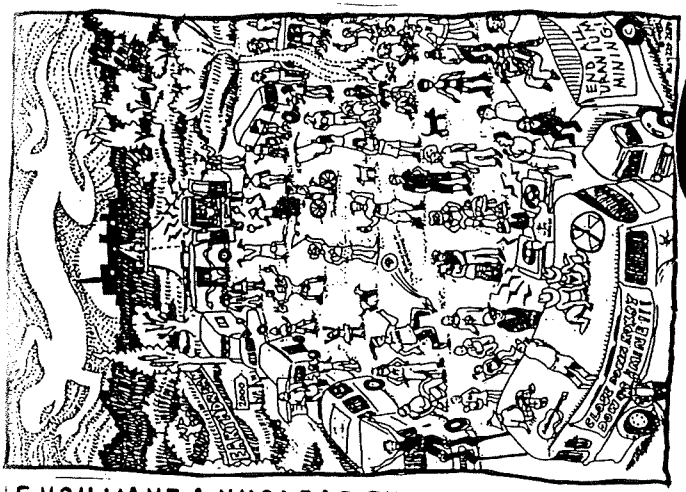
Through sun, rain and riot police the Earthdreamers unloaded their sound systems from busses, trucks and veggie-oil powered vans and exposed remo Aboriginal communities to an eclectic mix of dance music and performance In return they learned from the Aboriginal elders the problems that indigenous people face. The Earthdreamers joined with the Arabunna peo to march on Beverly uranium mine and were attacked by South Australian police. Participants were beaten with batons and many, including an 11 year-old girl, were sprayed with capsicum spray. 27 arrests were made.



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so they would strutt WHAT THE FUCK
So with a bit of essence earth, air, water and fire
These beings all of magical desire,
Journeyed to an altered space,
Were blessed by an amazing grace.
And as wishes of their hearts were granted
Everything became enchanted.
Love entwined in a swirling motion
Creating a magical miraculous molecular potion
Merging all the collective dream,
An amazing journey not yet seen,
A tale into another time
Where everything becomes divine.
So abracadabra zim zala bim
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The beginning of an ever-unfolding passionately beautiful cosm
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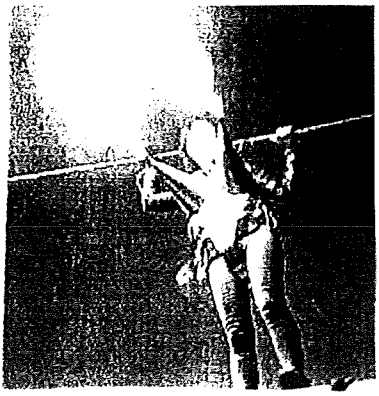
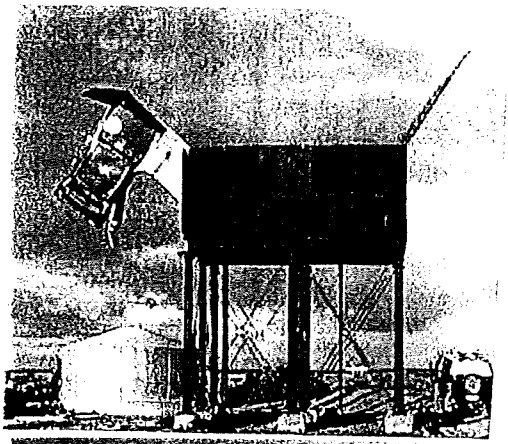
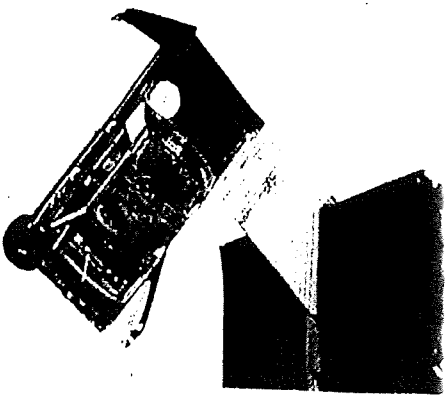






Mutoid-Mid-Journey-Missive: By Robin Mutoid. 29th Aug 2001, Katherine Hot Springs.

So a full twelve months rolled around in what seemed like one month and 25 good souls gathered at Wilpena Pound in May for the start of Earthdream 2001...yeah beautiful energy spiralled around us there as the massive bowl-shaped accumulator hummed out its immense frequencies. E.D was welcomed by staff and offered a small discount! A couple of roos and radiators got mashed on that Hawker road.

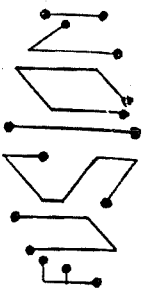
Kevin Buzzacott advised us that Beverley Uranium mine had brought up the entire station that surrounds the mine so you're trespassing 25km before you even get to the gate!! A mob went out to Nepabunna and rode out on horse back with Uncle Ronnie Coulthard to check the country.

Mutoid crew moved straight up the track to our beautiful desert playground now officially named 'MUTONIA' at Alberrie Creek. Roo stew on the hob and we heard of how "huge winds of 100mph" had spiralled through and taken the windmill flower down but how Planehenge had unmoved by the tempest1! Handy-Andy the local Maree Cop was soon on hand as talkative and "helpful" as ever.....it soon became obvious that his biggest concern was the ohminous Peace Bus "where was it? How many people in it? When was it arriving? We conveniently knew nothing!

Phil and Sioux and Fairy Mu ex Melbourne Underground Development (MUD) rocked up loaded with holographic twinkle dust and U.V paint.....shit, that windmill flower got the paintjob of a lifetime! It was re-erected and anchored to new railway line stanchions. Also subjected to the voracious paintbrushes were new signage on the track "Welcome to Mutonia Sculpture Park" and two beautiful lizards on Ronnies fence.

Party night went off, the Peace Bus arriving out of the darkness blasting tunes and sporting fire twirlers on the roof. Backed in under the planes as DJ station; pyrotechnics and flame throwers lit the planes as dawn rose and Minna's new Blaster-Bra belching fire from high on the centre wing span-spin-spun.

The Giant Dog (Dotty the Dingo) took one month to construct, building a massive triangular R.S.J frame around the old cast iron water tank and hoisting a Valiant Sedan (dragged 15km up the track with no wheels!) as the head. A dodge truck bonnet cut in half provided ear and jaw pieces, Minna executed some stunningly dangerous rigging stunts and the Mitsubishi winch did all the heavy lifting work. Richard and Heidi (Every Picture Tells a Story) showed up just in time to help get the tail decorated and presto, you see that dog from 20km down the track. Big thankx to Murry for the use of his generator and to Ronnie and Blanche for all the diesel... Total cost of Dotty =$200!!! The sculpture is dedicated to the Keepers of Lake Eyre in respect to their "Dogged" determination in the face of extreme corporate tactics!



The rains fell; Alberrie Creek flowed for the second time this year. Wow... the Oodnadatta was closed and we splashed and sploshed our way around the playground as millions of seed germinated casting a green hue over the land.

Arse and the mobile-on-board-brew-crew had all headed for Alice, hired a system and done the Earthdream Solstice thing at the claypans; performance skills and rap workshops were executed for the kids in Alice. Collier left his Maggy- Deutz truck (that he had shipped from Germany) at the transport museum until his return in August. Crew worked the Carny again for fuel $$$$, the ED/Carny relationship continues to grow

On the track to Darwin again Mataranka springs providing welcome relief. Mutoid crew did their thing on a cliff top overlooking Casuarina Beach for Damaged Disco a Fringe Techno event, in the forest at Rum Jungle for this years excellent festival at Manns place (no he didn't turn the system off half way through the night this time) and finally for the Darwin Fringe closing party at the WWII oil storage tank in Doctors Gully, where Minna Blaster-Bra'd backwards upside-down on a flying fox cable over the audience; another classic stunt!

The no camping situation in Darwin is now over the top with it being an offence to sleep between sunset and sunrise in a public place; "anti-social laws" abound....maybe the new Labour hierarchy will back off a bit?

Ok so we are now out of there and about to head west via Kimberley's to Broome and zap the Pearl festival there with fire and light.....

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ANTON BORSCH GETS POLITICALLY MINDED WITH COMBAT WOMBAT.

Hip hop has often been fertile ground for political activism. Coming from the doof and techno activist movement Combat Wombat are a hip hop based funky breaks crew dropping a musical alternative at free parties across Australia. The four piece crew - DJ Monkey Marc with beats, soundscapes & musical bits n' pieces, MC Izzy providing rhymes & the world's only human techno beatbox, Elf Transporter laying rhymes, beatbox, human record scratcher & DJ Duck and MC Anna with rhymes - travel the country in their vege run Diprotodon van with sound system mounted in the back. Involved with environmental activism across the country the group have worked with Oma Not Bombs and share a common desire to bring music with a message to the people and question media distortions.

Why did you choose hip hop as medium to express your activist and political views?

Essentially we were getting bored of the same old boring chants at protests and thought it was time to bring on some of our own new funkified versions that related more to our generation. Also MC Izzy can't sing so hip hop seemed to be the perfect medium. We have lots of stories to tell so what better way to express what you believe in than with music. Hip hop as always been a medium of musical communication especially of our generation. There's nothing like a good funky beat with a strong message. Old classics like Public Enemy's 'Fight the Power' are the perfect example of that. I remember when I first heard that song it felt like our generation was invincible and capable of anything. All I could think of was, why do they keep calling our generation, generation X when actually we're generation Y. Y you ask. Why? Because we're the ones asking the questions.

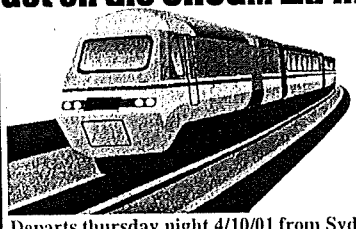
The protest society we belong to, like black America is also part of a vocal minority. So we found it natural to bring the message of our struggles to the streets through hip hop music.

Why do you think hip hop in particular often takes on a political slant?

Early hip hop came out of the ghettos. Most hip hop comes out of areas in some sort of struggling situation whether it be social political or racial. So in a lot of cases there's a strong message of despair and disbelief in the system. The system that oppresses. So you get that message coming through in the music. But with hip hop due to MC visionaries we get offered a solution to the situation. A new vision that offers advice free of charge, and free to anyone that cares to listen. People like Gil Scott Heron, The Last Poets saw the need to tell of the oppression of their generations to the world by means of rhyme. They saw the power in this and the hope it gave to communities. So it became the new voice.

When people run off a rap they rap because something in their life has inspired them to rap. That inspiration usually comes from something or situation or some struggle for understanding. When something's hit you strong you can't just stand there and hold it all in, you have to speak out. I guess that's why it often takes on a political slant.

Get on the CHOGM EXPRESS



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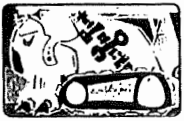
In a party scene that generally sees the harder edge doof acts supply the beats how does a hip hop group go down?

It's a nice brake. Hmmm no pun intended. People are up for it now. They're into that interactive thing that sometimes techno lacks. We're not strictly hip hop so we can merge out of a techno set and into a drum n' bass set. I think diversity is appreciated at parties so a change from it to the floor usually goes down ok.

Quite often we get strangers coming up from the crowd wanting to lay down one of their own raps over our beats. So it usually lightens things up a bit. The crowd like to be entertained. There's all sort of funny things going on out there with techno bands like Non Bosse Posse getting rappers to rap over them and an MC like Ozi Batla rapping over drum n bass bands like DASE Team 5000. So the party scene definitely seems up for it, even if sometimes we are a bit slow. And if people don't like it well then go and have a chat or something or buy yourself a beer.

How would you describe your music. Is it traditional hip hop or does it incorporate different genres of electronica?

It's not simply traditional hip hop. We feel that would be limiting ourselves a bit. We're up for a bit of experimentation. The hip hop we do is simple has some fat bass lines with simple but funky beats with political samples on top. MC Izzy and MC Anna bring in some classic all girl political Aussie rhymes and Ell tends to weave his way through the mix like a lizard through the sand. We also do some funky brakes and drum and bass with political samples interwoven through. We've also got some chilled mini documentary style tracks with samples of people talking about issue like the Maralinga Tests or Chernobyl.



Your bio states "the media has an uncanny tendency to lie and distort". How does Combat Wombat and the groups it is involved with hope to change this situation?

Combat Wombat simply tells the truth, as we have seen and witnessed first hand. We also have good relations with amazing people who are involved with community organisations such as Ska TV's Access News and Indy Media. These groups like ourselves are dedicated to bringing people the real uncut uncensored versions of stories that we feel people don't normally get access to. So through these avenues with our music, rhymes and our Word Powered Cinema we can relay these common stories of struggle and simply bypass the mainstream media. So even if the media still twist our messages people will have the option of reading and hearing the alternative. Hopefully then people can then make their own choices and work it out for themselves.

Do you think the party scene has strayed from its roots as a revolutionary force? In what way?

Like any movement, the commercial market is quick to consume any thing even vaguely marketable, take it package it in plastic and sell it back at absorbent prises. Though there is hope as more underground sound systems on the free party vibe like Oms Not Bombs, Labrats and Systems Corrupt are keeping the squat party protest thing alive.

There is still a large underground movement within the free party scene that has it's roots in community ideals and ethics. This is still alive and well as has been damonstrated with recent actions like Reclaim the Streets and May Day is well and truly still a revolutionary force. Lots of these free parties raise donations for worthwhile causes like blockades.

Which do you think is more effective way of getting the message across, One off parties or recorded material? Any plans for Combat Wombat recordings?

They're both pretty effective. Recorded material does tend to have the edge because it gets a wider audience through radio. In that sense more people get to hear your message.

As for Combat Wombat recordings, we are releasing a double album of hip hop, breaks and some drum and bass this week. Almost all of it was produced on solar and wind. It should be in local Sydney independent record stores and through our web site ***http://lab-rats.tripod.com***.

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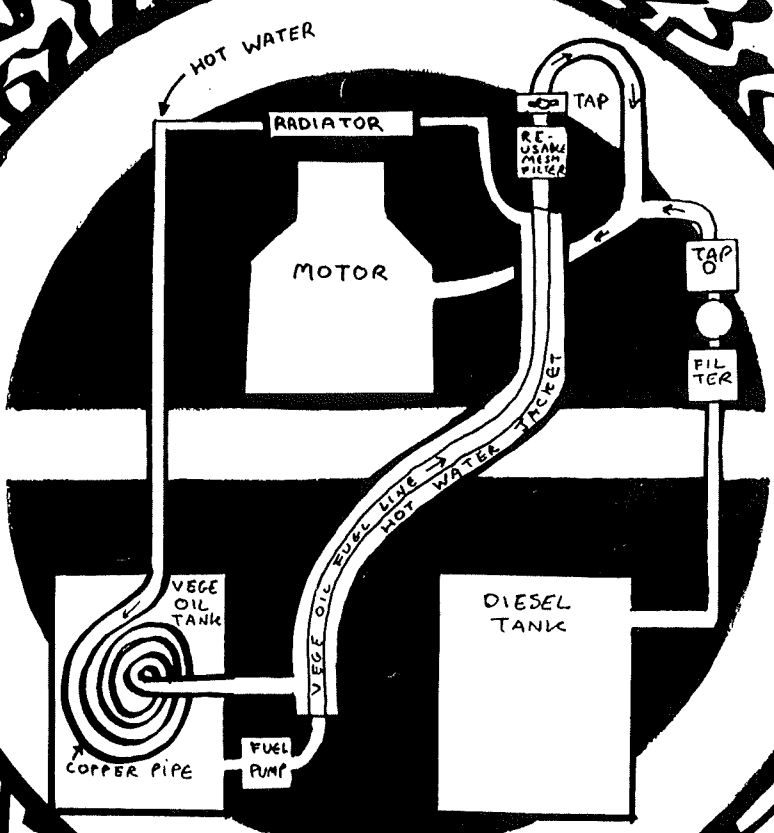

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Depending on the position of the tank, you will probably need a fuel pump to get the oil to the motor.

Also on the fuel line you will need to install a reversible mesh filter which you can easily remove to clean.

The vegie oil fuel line must also be heated

Cut the diesel line just before the motor and install a tap and a T-junction.

Install a tap on the vegie oil fuel line and attach it to a T-junction.

Bleed the diesel oil into the fuel lines.

Run the motor on diesel for ten minutes until the vegie oil tank is warm.

Now turn vegie oil tap on, rev engine

Turn the diesel tap off and away you go.

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- **IMPORTANT!** Before switching engine off, turn diesel back on and vegie o off, so as to rinse the engine of oil. Run for five to ten, then it is safe to turn engine off.

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PUMP THE SOUNDS NOT THE AQUIFER

Ohms Not Bombs take the Peace Bus to Mutonia &Lake Eyre.

A slow revolution is going on in the central regions of Australia with travelling activist techno radicals establishing a new annual travelling free party circuit that has now attracted global involvement. The vision was layed down in the late eighties by junk sculpture shaman Robin Cooke from the 'madder than max' Mutoid Waste company who have been creating futuristic spaces using industrial waste in Europe. Now here in Australia having he has coordinated the creation of an Earthdream post industrial oasis in the remote Alberrie Creek station on the dusty Oonondatta track in South Australia complete with an upended aeroplane-henge and recycled mining equipment robots. Now residing in Melbourne he shares a vision for a nuclear free Australia with many Australians including the Sydney based group Ohms Not Bombs.

The techno activist mob 'Ohms Not Bombs' embarked on a pioneering cross country anti nuke "Dig The Sounds Not Uranium' tour in 1998 in a graffiti and dust encrusted old state transit bus. The inner city sound-system/collective were motivated into action by the need to stop the Jabiluka mine in Kakadu N.T that year. The group have been active in Sydney for many years, its furie-anarchist mother the Vibe Tribe setting a precedent for real vibe free parties and up front attitude to promoting liberty and people powered rave-o-lution in the early and mid 1990's.

A decade later the spirit is alive and kicking from anti corporate greed street party/protests in the cities to outback nomadic radical communities.

Earthdream 2000 went off wildly last year and saw hundreds of people representing 21 countries travel from Port Augusta to East Timor. The convoy stopped to expose toxic uranium mines at Beverley and Roxby and set up parties and blockades, taking interactive theatre to Aboriginal communities and the war ravaged newly independent East Timor nation. A huge sound 40k system was brought here in a shipping container form the U.K by the Bedlam soundsystem, put in a truck and toured through the red centre.

Techno, drum and bass, reggae and hardcore sounds provided the soundtrack as travellers learnt of some of the issues and difficulties facing remote aboriginal communities. Some had converted their diesel vehicles to run on vege-oil. As well as parties, workshops from aboriginal spirituality to screenprinting were carried out and the pace set for many more Earthdream missions planned to continue until the end of time, well the Mayan calendar in 2013.

This year a smaller Earthdream lived up to its promise and made the journey again.

Activist and Ohms Not Bombs co-ordinator Peter Strong reveals his diary from the trip last May/June.....

Saturday 26th May..Sitting at Graffiti Hall of Fame in Sydney's inner city Alexandria it did not look like we were going to leave, 12 peoples belongings and various bits of sound system and food supplies were strewn across the car park. The Peace Bus protest safari attracted local Ohms Not Bombs, Reclaim the Streets stalwarts as well as hardcore audio and free party assassins, System Corrupt. English, French and Spanish travelers all chipping in for fuel and food. The only driver who had a licence for the peace bus had pulled out due to unforseen circumstances. The lead up to the trip had seen almost impossible deadlines met and last minute rabbits pulled out of hats. So when a Frenchman turned up with a licence and offer to drive us on the 4000k journey we weren't entirely surprised. So at midnight with an unregistered vehicle permit the 12 people and a dog cruised out of the city limits and over the great dividing range.

Sunday 27th May.....I woke up not knowing where we were, outside it was flat but there were still trees. Apparently we are beyond Dubbo. We drive on the ever curveless roads as the landscape changes into vast plains. As the sun sets the crew get hungry, we drive on, the French bus driver dj'ing minidises as he drives. We go straight past Broken Hill untill a minor insurrection demands we stop for food at a place called "Cockburn'. The dusty truckstop was warm inside and greasy breakfast dinner food was prepared. We drive on till we are just outside of Peterborough inside the S.A border.

Monday 28th May....We cruise into Peterborough, it is the last major stop before we enter into more remote lands, so we stock up on food supplies. We drive on into the foothills of the Flinders Ranges and approach a town called Hawker, 5k before we get there I wonder why the bus suddenly veers of the road. The steering nut had fallen off. Just as well it didn't happen on Parramatta road! A brief search for the nut down the dusty road proved fruitless. A coathanger did the trick, getting us slowly into town. A friendly mechanic gave us the replacement.

Just as we though we were cruising out of town on the last leg of the mission we here sirens wailing. The hawker cop had seen the multi coloured numberplateless bus go past his station and could not believe it could possibly be legal.

"You part of this Earthdream thing are you" he said. After a full check of the bus he defected the vehicle and told us were not going to Lake Eyre but to the pits in Port Augusta. Only 300k to go and all looked grim, eventually we appealed to his human side and stressed the need to get supplies to Mutonia, so the last gatekeeper let us through and off we went triumphant and high spirited as the sun set on the almost completely flat land. The vast wall of the Flinders ranges was on our right slowly surrendering to the flatness. By the time we got to Mutonia, one of our crew was firetwirling on the roof while the luggage hatch mounted speaker box's broadsided doof to the vast desert landscape.

We arrived at Mutonia, the seventy or so folk welcoming us around the campfire. The aeroplane henge was still standing. Robin Mutoid adding some final touch's to some more of his synchronised fire show planned for the following night. Its bitterly cold as the D.J pumps tunes from the back hatch and potatoes are cooked on the fire.

Tuesday 29th May.We wake up on another planet, passengers that had not seen where we were the previous night were astounded. Uncle Kevin Buzzacott local Aboriginal guardian, activist and visionary welcomed the Earthdream contingent to his land. He called a circle and talked at length of the need to bring Western Mining co. to its senses. The huge Roxby operation 150k away sucks artesian water from the fragile desert ecosystem to process toxic uranium. He also spoke of the wider indigenous struggle for recognition. After the meeting and a long walk a screenprinting workshop is set up, Earthdream designs are printed on peoples clothes. A major effort is put into a party, pretty good for a Tuesday night.

The Peace bus is parked up 'D.J booth arse' underneath the aeroplane henge. Music is played through the night, the dwindling dancefloor clinging to a single flaming 44 gallon dru for warmth. A spectacular show is planned for sunrise. The hardest music imaginable is played by a gasmask wearing Frenchman form the French hardcore soundsystem, Core-tex. His machine gun beats were emanating relentlessly from his gladwrap covered labtop. I play after him, the techno embracing the dawn. As the sky starts to lighten, a performer is on top of the henge wearing a flame throwing bra, the planes themselves like twin candles blowing flames into the sky.

Wed-.30th- May. .....The day is spent catching up with old friends, taking walks away from the camp into the vast landscape, playing music and preparing food. It's amazing and we haven't even been to Lake Eyre, Mutonia is about 30k short of the Lake.

Thursday 31st May.....We spend the whole day packing up our shanty town and cruise up the dirt track to Lake Eyre getting there on sunset, the lake full of water last year is now empty .The vast white flats stretch into the distance, we drive the bus down to its edge and walk upon the lake as the last orange light hangs in the sky. The lake 15m below sea level seems to emanate an eerie swirling low frequency hum that accompanies the deafening silence. The lake fills every decade or so reflecting the impermanence of existence .

We then go to the old Keeper of Lake Eyre camp, trashed earlier in the year by Western mining company. The weight of the convoy's wheels flatten the road they dug up and the camp is re-established. A welcoming smoking ceremony is enacted by elders of the keeper camp who have been keeping an eye on the region for years and lobbying World Heritage status for the lake and its hinterglens.

Friday 1st June....The feeling at Lake Eyre is incredible, the camp is set up part on a huge dune so the view over the lake is vast, the land here seems to talk to you, scattered all around is fragments of glassy rock, finches fly around and try to make nests in the bus's airconditioning ducts. The water boar at the site allows us to have warm artesian showers, the same water upstream that is used to process uranium at Roxby. By nightfall people are in good spirits and gathering around the various trucks and bus's, rugged up in many layers to keep out the cold desert chill.

Saturday 2nd June..We decide to stay another night, the warm morning sun shining through the fluffy clouds. The women of the camp all go on a walk with the local women elders on a spiritual workshop far away from the camp. When they get back plans are afoot for one last party before the Peace bus and its inhabitants head back to the east coast. In the late arvo old funk and reggae tunes are played as a photo-shoot with the huge while Oms Not Bombs letters is carried out at sunset. The 'Hollywood' style huge letters are hauled from the roof of the bus and carried into position. 11 people then arrange them in them in various ways. The party that night hit the spot, the Ozzie's, the English, the French, the Spanish all have a great time, the elements seemed to smile on us, the moon was filling up, the air somehow warmer the vast dome of stars awe inspiring. The music rocked throughout the night, some campers requested a 'beats per minute' speed limit and less hard tunes. No more 'Machine Guns at dawn'! some said. People danced on the dirt road the mining company tried to make impassable. Various minor revolutions occurred over the music, hardcore, no trance and finally a dawn reprise with a sabotaged generator.

Sun 3rd June... A weary crew slowly emerged into the day, the bus was packed up and we sadly left in the early afternoon, the rest of the convoy bound for the William Creek Pub and sundown with a brief stop at Western Mining's Borefield B, the place responsible for sucking the water from the region for Roxby's deadly uranium operation. The security guards there were speechless, only pointing digital cameras at us and jotting down number plates, we make a quick exit and then take a wrong turn getting lost on the dirt roads off the main dirt road. The bus's clutch was so full of bulldust that it only worked in one gear, it was a miracle we made it to the Ochre pits that night near Leigh Creek.

Mon 4th June....We got up at sun-up for a long days driving, stopping at Copley to blow the dust out of the clutch before heading out of the Flinders ranges and into the flatlands. We had a mission to get to a T.V that night to watch the 'Four Corners' documentary on Rave culture. The show had interview's with some of the Ohms crew on the fusion of activism and dance parties. We arrive at the Junia pub on the Barrier highway and impress the pub with our appearance on their telly. We met a few travellers there and invited everyone to a peace bus party out of town. A huge meal is prepared and music played into the night.

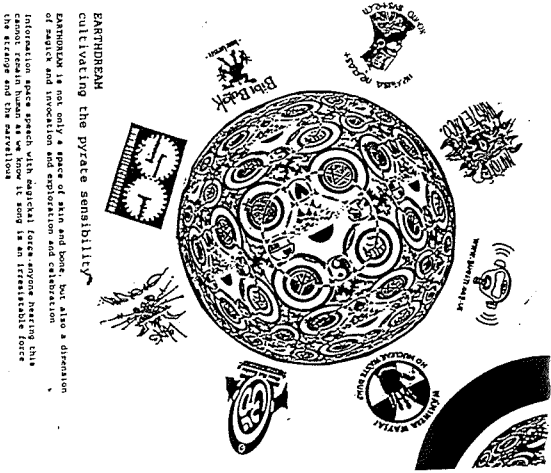
Tuesday 5th June....the place we chose to stop was yet again amazing, huge river gums in a dry river bed, tumbleweed blowing around and strange rocky outcrops. Breakfast is cooked and we head off again to Broken Hill. This town is cool, anti nuclear posters adorn most shop windows. The town has a history of union resistance and now has a large youth population. We meet some locals and did laundry, shopping a spontaneous street party and then left music blaring out of the back hatch. As we drive along the moon outside full our lights are throbbing out the back of the open hatch D.J booth, trucks come close to our arse to have a look at what I can safely say they haven't seen before. We park up on the side of the road create another out of town camp.

Wednesday 6th June....We get up, pack up and hit the road yet again and eventually arriving in Wilcannia and fill up with fuel. Whilst in the petrol station the mobile sounds are pumped and the local Aboriginal mob come to meet us and play some footy, we also attract the cops who again question the legality of the mobile splash of noise and colour.

We drive and drive and drive across the plains and up and over the Mountains arriving in the middle of the night at Sydney Park in Newtown.

Thursday 7th June I wake up to an amazing sunrise in Newtown's Sydney Park, a quick coffee is had at the 'Three Foot from the curb" café before we blast Newtowns king street with music to let everyone know were back from an amazing trip.

Find out how you can get involved with next May's Earthdream or Ohms Not Bombs event at www.omsnotbombs.org or more Earthdream info www.bcam.to/earthdream or about a new book that is being written on the subject called 'Free NRG" www.feelerguage.com . Also check out www.systemcorrupt.com or www.core-tex.com for info on free parties and French hardcore.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Baby Baby
NO NUCLEAR WASTE
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NEO-ALCHEMICAL SOLUTIONS
Imagine a world where exploration means the end of dirty wars
one of these adventures exploration comes the end of dirty wars
Imagine Pirate Adventure the exploration of Pirate cooperative power
weaponised reconciliation & celebration

Rising Tide-Report form euro Earthdream crew

www.operationalchemy.org

When we were planning where to go this summer our uranium mission the first places that spurn to mind [apart from anywhere that could pay us!] were countries and cities that are relying on Nuclear power along with demonstrations against pollution countries. Also the Climate change conference in Bonn was high on the list as companies are now petitioning for a re-birth of Nuclear Power - as an environmental way of producing energy. The double think behind this is that it doesn't produce CO2's and therefore does lead to climate chaos.

Rising tide were to obvious people to hook up with as they had been previously effective in the conference in Den Haague and were a grass roots coalition of groups like us! Here is some information of what we got up to in Bonn

Rising Tide are acting as a framework for a lot of activists both individuals and groups to come together and have their voices heard concerning climate change. There have been several actions here in Bonn and thereae more to come. We're just off to do a **Reclaim the Streets** with the operation alchemy hip-hop road-show and **Rinky Dink sound system** in full effect. For a full page of actions have a look at the following page on the climate.indymedia.org site.

Here's a quick summary of some of the highlights so far.

This is a report of the evening when Izzy got arrested for locking on to Kamakaze's truck or trying to anyway!

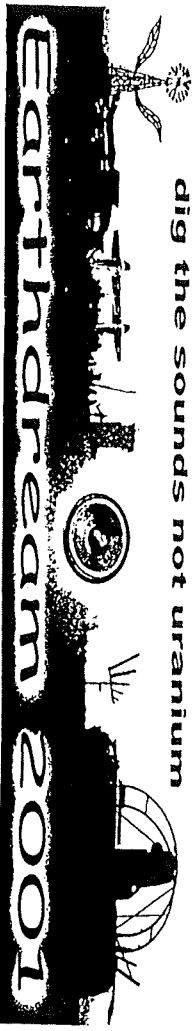
Wednesday July 18, @ 12:36AM

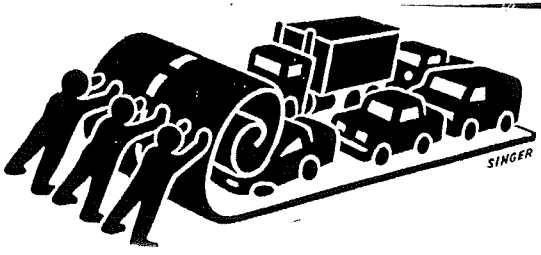
This evening, a group of initially about 50 activists congregated outside of the Deutsche Telekom building (near the conference centre) where delegates from various NGOs and renewable energy representatives were meeting with the German Minister for the Environment, Jurgen Trittin. Under the spell of the rhythmically irresistible combined forces of London and Netherlands samba band members, protestors danced in front of the building, handed out copies of the spoof conference paper "The Earth Crimes" and Carbon Credits (detailing the immorality of emissions trading) to the attendees. After maybe 20 minutes in front of the party, a truck containing a sound system pulled up in front of the building and started to add its own musical contribution.

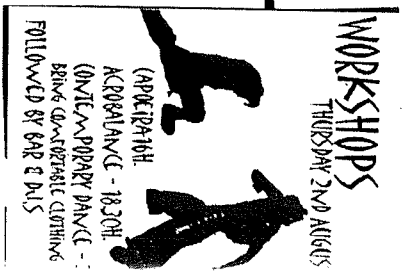
However after about 5 minutes, the police decided to shut it down. Despite the efforts of the samba band who clustered round the truck while still playing, the music was turned off. In the ensuing melee and with little apparent provocation, one woman was dragged out from underneath the truck, had her hands cuffed tightly behind her back and was driven off.

Thursday July 19, @ 12:59AM

Here is the operation alchemy performance roadshow in the Munster Platz in Bonn. We mix european sound-system energy with Australian direct action ethos and come up with a blend of performance and pure anger to try to make people aware of the crimes associated with the nuclear industry and Uranium Mining And no we don't have permits.





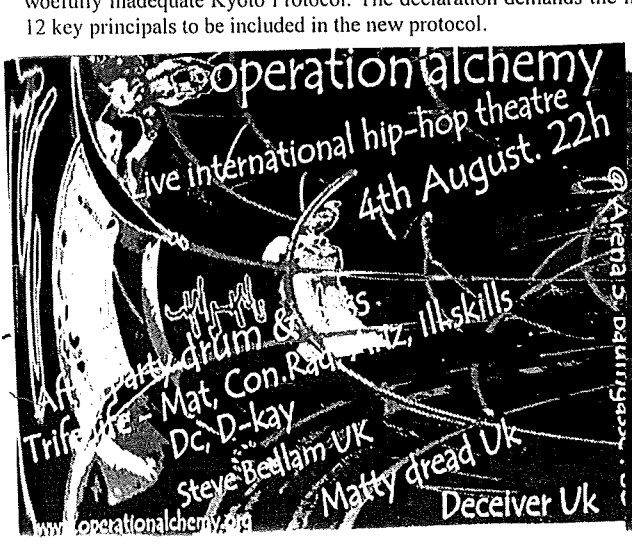


Keep informed on http://climate.indymedia.org

Monday July 16,

It's Bonn. We're here for the climate change conference. We're here to try to get everyone behind positive action to fight the root causes of climate change and to raise awareness of environmentally sane ways of generating energy. I think we can pretty much say that we all share those goals. Although we are of course only talking about the people that AREN"T going to get let in to the conference. We're all part of the alternative summit. There are a huge diversity of juggling different carrots and sticks to try and move the climate change talks in a positive direction. Rising tide have been successful in greeting and helping these groups have a platform to express their thoughts on the climate conference process.

Activists from the Amsterdam group ARK (Amsterdam Radical Climate Action has a declaration calling for a new environmentally focused protocol and a rejection of the woefully inadequate Kyoto Protocol. The declaration demands the implementation of 12 key principals to be included in the new protocol.



Update on Genoa, (indymedia)

an international action appeal, please read -Monika Wheeler

> Genoa, early morning 22nd July 2001

We write from the building of GSF and Indymedia in Genoa after witnessing the worst human rights violations in the short history of the young movement against capitalist globalisation. Two people were killed by the police on the 20th, one in Genoa and one at the border, and someone else might have been killed in the most outrageous display of fascist state brutality that all of us have seen in our lives, just a few hours ago in front of this building.

This night the police broke into the school Diaz (across the road), one of the accommodation places of GSF were people were sleeping at that moment, and beat up everyone to the extent that most of the people could not walk out and had to be carried in stretchers out of the school. We don't know how many people were badly injured because we lost count of the amount of stretchers carried out of the school, but they brought about 30 ambulances for the injured people. The police also brought at least one body bag outside, maybe two, but we don't know yet whether there was a corpse inside either or both of them. Everybody was either arrested or taken to hospital. According to the testimony of one person who could escape before being arrested, people were lying on the floor saying 'no violence' when the police broke into the first floor where he was, and they battered people so badly that one of the officers had to intervene to stop the massacre. In one of the pictures taken by Indymedia (http://italy.indymedia.org) you can see a plank of wood with nails covered with blood lying next to a corner with big patches of blood on the walls. The police also broke violently into the GSF and Indymedia building at the same time, but here they only destroyed and stole materials. They did not attack anyone (although in part of the building it was difficult to breathe due to the tear gas).

Italian parliamentarians were also struck by policemen while they were trying to enter the school Diaz while the police was beginning to remove the injured. On the 20th and the 21st the police terrorism in the streets was unprecedented in recent Western European history. On the 20th they murdered a young protestor from Genova, who was shot once in the forehead and once in the cheek, and drove backwards over his corpse. A young french woman was killed in the Ventemiglia border on the same day, while the police was preventing her and other people from entering the country. Police attacked and teargassed all the different groups that took part in the action. For instance, they threw tear gas from helicopters into the assembly point of the pacifist march, charged against the tutte bianche and the Network for Global Rights before they even started their actions, and injured a still unknown number of people. They deliberately mixed the different sorts of political expression, trying to create conflicts (for instance by pushing part of the black block into the pacifist assembly point). On the 21st they massively attacked part of the demonstration for absolutely no reason, teargassing the whole area (including the parking lot that served as the GSF convergence centre and a nearby beach) and some people were forced to jump into the sea just to escape from them - only to find police boats facing them in the water. Both on the 20th and the 21st there were riots all day, all over the city, which were clearly provoked by the police.

The forms of provocation were diverse: the television showed images of a group of people dressed in black going out of a police van and breaking windows, and the black block was visibly infiltrated throughout these days. We respectfully ask our friends from the black block to reflect on the meaning of this fact, not just for them but for everybody else. This request is not meant to imply that they should not be present in large collective actions, but merely that we encourage them to rethink their role and choices in them. One possible way would be to play a role focused on solidarity and defense of other groups, similar to the one so successfully carried out by the black block in A16. People who are taken to the hospitals are arrested immediately after receiving first aid, unless they are in an extremely bad

condition. One person, a member of a nonviolent group, who was horribly beaten up while sitting on the floor with his hands up, went through that experience. In the police station he was repeatedly tortured like everyone else there. The police was hitting the already wounded areas of his body and battering him for no reason. Another person who was arrested and released says that they were beating everybody and forcing them to scream 'viva il duce', which means long live Mussolini. The police terrorism started well before the actions. The last weeks were characterised by police searches all over Italy, followed by what everybody here considers to be a reproduction of the strategy of tension used by the Italian state in the 70s to crash social movements.

Letter bombs were sent (by whom?) to policemen, the police exploded a car in the centre of Genova because it was parked in the same place for several days, and they alleged in the media that bombs had been planted in several places (including one of the accommodation spaces of the GSF) - all of these in order to create an atmosphere of paranoia, fears about demonstrators and social terror. They also arrested several people before the actions, including a particularly brutal case of a young woman who was kept in isolation for four days for having a van (which they claimed would be used to break into the red zone) where she kept a hatchet for camping purposes. The people who were arrested with her report ! that they were also tortured physically and psychologically, including forced exposure to a succession of three posters: a pornographic one, followed by one of Mussolini and then one of the Nazi Army in action. We know that many solidarity and denounciation actions have already taken place all over the world and that many more are being planned (see http://italy.indymedia.org). We encourage all the groups that have not planned actions yet to do so, and to prepare for sustained actions to continue until those responsible for these outrageous human rights abuses pay the full price for their actions. We suggest to these groups that their minimum demand would be the resignation of the Berlusconi government.

There is a list of Italian embassies at http://www.ethoseurope.org/ethos/embassies.nsf/ (go down to the link Embassies of Italy). We think that we need to turn this situation into a serious international problem for the Berlusconi and the other G8 governements, not just due to a basic sense of justice but also because we feel that the survival of the movement and of many of us might depend on it. This brutality shows the actual panic with which the rich and powerful are reacting to the clear fact that the world is beginning to listen to us. Seeing that they can no longer write us off as a marginal, temporary phenomenon, they are now removing all masks of ostensible democracy and showing their real face - one of oppression, violence and terrorism. Por todos nuestros muertos, ni un minuto de silencio. Toda una vida de lucha. To honor our dead, not a minute of silence.

A whole life of struggle. Other good links:

> Starhawk's second report. http://www.zmag.org/day_two.htm
> Starhark's first report. http://www.zmag.org/genoa_7.htm
> Walden Bello's report in the Nation.
> http://www.thenation.com/doc.mhtml?i=special&s=bello20010721

www.spannr.org

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News..>>>>>>>>>Atomic ØZ - the musical is coming...

Yes, a musical about Australia's atomic history. It's apparently very funny indeed and by the time it hits Sydney, it will be full of all the latest political shenanigans. The Atomic OZ crew are looking for venues, audiences and actors for some very important bit parts during the Sydney part of their tour which is taking them from WA to QLD.

If you are interested or can offer any of the aforementioned resources(venue, audience or acting skills and time) then contact SPANNR on 82500505 or email spannr@ihug.com.au

Greenpeace Activists face American Style Justice Over Star Wars Action.....

17 Activists will be facing their first hearing on Monday the 13th of August.Australian activists, Nic Clyde and Stuart Lennox will be facing a possible 5 - 10 years in jail or $250,000 fine for holding up the first test of the United States military project called NMD. National Missile Defence is a misleadingly named network of satellites that will allow the American military to act without fear of consequences due to the fact that they will be able to destroy enemy missiles in the air. This project is being aggressively marketed to our politicians at this very moment and it relies on Australia's permission for the US to use the facility at Pine Gap to keep track of things. Aside from destroying whatever was achieved by Glasnost and the end of the so-called Cold War, being a pivotal part of this scheme will make Australia a much more attractive target for the United States' many enemies. We should all remember at this point that the reactor is also a prime target, so we need to be very careful.

Alternatives Study Has Been Released

Sutherland Shire Council has released their alternatives study on Cyclotron technology and it's potential for taking us well out of the spent fuel waste cycle. Sydney already has one of these nifty little machines, which is on site at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. Check out the SPANNR website next week to see much more about them! More Nukes Info

Dr. Green has unearthed some solid little nuggets of information that can be found at this link..

http://www.students.trinity.wa.edu.au/library/issues/lucas.htm

Check them out.

THINGS TO DO...WRITE A SUBMISSION - I'ts easier than you think! The Australian Radiation Protection And Nuclear Safety Agency is responsible for giving the green or red light to the reactor over several stages and we're up to the third. If the give the go ahead to this stage, then they could be starting work by Easter 2002. www.spannr.org is the place to go to find out how you do this very important piece of work!

NO NUCLEAR REACTOR FOR SYDNEY

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contact: Robert Sparrow <rsparrow@unimelb.edu.au

latest evil plan in da uranium mining scam

From: "seryuiop wert" <hmmmdodgy@hotmail.com>

... > Mining Giant BHP have joined forces with Quantum resourses in hunt for a gold/copper/uranium ore body beneath the waters of the Spencer gulf in South Australia. The companies expect to find an ore body the size of WMC owned gold/copper/uranium mine, Olympic dam. The new "King George project" is located 20 kilometres offshore from Moonta and Wallaroo and the ore body is approximately 22 metres below water.

oseph Gutnick of Quantum resourses will receive a 50% stake hold in the ine after their role in the intense drilling operation which will consist of at ast three 200-metre-deep holes in the seabed.

HP's "Falcon" airborne gravimetric surveying tool, depends on a technology eveloped by Martin Marietta, a united States military contractor, used for e deployment of missiles. The rights to this military technology were gained 'e years age by BHP and since software has been created to turn it into a mote-sensing exploration tool. Once the minerals are located the seabed ea above would be walled off and the water pumped out. The ore would st likely be milled in or near the old copper mining centres of Moonta or llaroo.

antum resources, which has former Labor Prime Minister Bob Hawke as director, hopes the first drilling at the KING GEORGE PROSPECT will mence in Jan/Feb 2001.

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The Anti-Nuclear Movement
Each of the anti-nuclear groups listed on this map campaigns on some or all of the following:
•uranium mining
•burial, transport and reprocessing of nuclear waste
•irradiation of food and other substances
•the proposed new nuclear reactor for Sydney or anywhere in Australia
•nuclear disarmament
•exposing the truth about British nuclear tests in Australia
•gaining justice for people affected by nuclear hazards
•military and industrial uses of Depleted Uranium (DU)
•foreign spy bases or support facilities on Australian soil
•transport of nuclear materials through Australian waters
•visits of nuclear-powered/nuclear-armed vessels to Australian ports
•support for indigenous groups resisting the nuclear industry
Copies of a pamphlet containing phone, email and websites of all the groups listed and a Charter for a Nuclear-Free Australia are available free from the
Anti-Nuclear Alliance of WA
PO Box 37 Maylands 6931
Tel (08) 9271 4488
It can also be downloaded from
http://www.votenuclearfree.org
Northern Territory
Environment Centre NT
(08) 8981 1984
Gundjehmi Aboriginal Corporation
(08) 8979 2200
Uranium Research Group
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TIMOR SEA
Darwin
Jabiluka
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Koonga
Rum Jungle
S. Alligator Valley
Oobagooma
Derby
Broome
Fitzroy Crossing
Halls Creek
Wyndham
Tennant Creek
Monte Bello Islands
Port Hedland
Dampier
Roebourne
Onslow
Exmouth
Harold E. Holt (North West Cape)
Manyingee
Kintyre
Rio Tinto
WESTERN AUSTRALIA
GREAT SANDY DESERT
GIBSON DESERT
LITTLE SANDY DESERT
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Gascoyne
Lake Way
Wiluna
Nowthanna
Meekatharra
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GREAT VICTORIA DESERT
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SOUTH AUSTRALIA
Bunbury
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Esperance
Albany
Western Australia
ANAWA Anti-Nuclear Alliance of WA
(08) 9271 4488
FoE/CANNWA Friends of the Earth Perth/ Community Anti-Nuclear Network of WA
(08) 9271 4488
IND People for Nuclear Disarmament
(08) 9271 4468
IAPW Medical Ass'n for the Prevention of War
(08) 9381 6293/9381 5564
PANG Fremantle Anti-Nuclear Group & Peace Fleet
(08) 9335 9383
SWANG South-West Anti-Nuclear Group
(08) 9791 3210
Geraldton anti-nuclear network
(08) 9938 2850
STAND Scientists and Technologists Against Nuclear Dumping
(08) 9271 3545
South Australia
NIC Nuclear Issues Coalition (Cons. Council SA)
(08) 8223 5155
ACF Australian Conservation Foundation Adelaide
(08) 8232 2566
ENuFF Everyone for a Nuclear-Free Future SA
(08) 8398 2213
Irati Wanti - Kupa Piti Kungka Tjuta
(08) 8572 3413
KOLE Keepers of Lake Eyre
(08) 8340 4401
South Australia Nuclear Free Future
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APC Australian Peace Committee (SA)
(08) 8212 7138
MedAct Medical Ass'n for Prevention of War (SA)
(08) 8398 3894
National Websites
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VoteNuclearFree
http://www.votenuclearfree
Australian Nuclear Sites AND THE NATIONAL ANTI-NUCLEAR MOVEMENT
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Contaminated test minesite
Known uranium deposit
Former uranium mine
Potential waste dump
ACTIVE LOW-LEVEL WASTE DUMP
Irradiation plant
Potential Irradiation plant
Nuclear warship visits
Uranium exports
Nuclear weapons test site
US military spy base
US controlled spy base linked to Star Wars etc
Military support base
Spy or support establishment with US military operations
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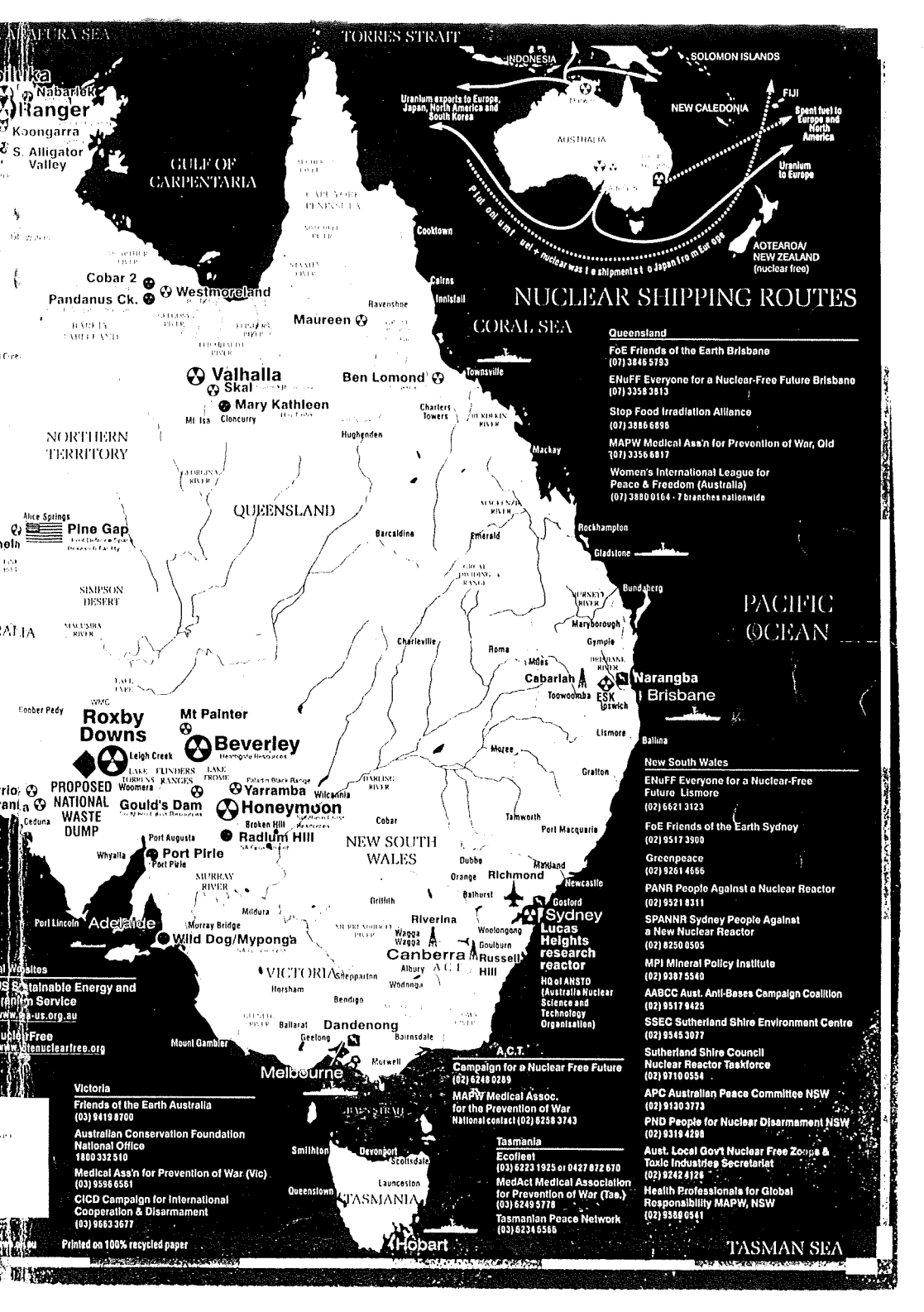

Queensland

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(07) 3845 5793

ENuFF Everyone for a Nuclear-Free Future Brisbane
(07) 3358 3813

Stop Food Irradiation Alliance
(07) 3886 6895

MAPW Medical Ass'n for Prevention of War, Qld
(07) 3356 6817

Women's International League for Peace & Freedom (Australia)
(07) 3880 0164 - 7 branches nationwide

New South Wales

ENuFF Everyone for a Nuclear-Free Future Lismore
(02) 6621 3123

FoE Friends of the Earth Sydney
(02) 9517 3900

Greenpeace
(02) 9261 4666

PANR People Against a Nuclear Reactor
(02) 9521 8311

SPANNR Sydney People Against a New Nuclear Reactor
(02) 8250 0505

MPI Mineral Policy Institute
(02) 9387 5540

AABCC Aust. Anti-Bases Campaign Coalition
(02) 9517 9425

SSEC Sutherland Shire Environment Centre
(02) 9545 3077

Sutherland Shire Council Nuclear Reactor Taskforce
(02) 9710 0554

APC Australian Peace Committee NSW
(02) 9130 3773

PND People for Nuclear Disarmament NSW
(02) 9319 4298

Aust. Local Gov't Nuclear Free Zones & Toxic Industries Secretariat
(02) 9242 4126

Health Professionals for Global Responsibility MAPW, NSW
(02) 9560 0541

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Campaign for a Nuclear Free Future
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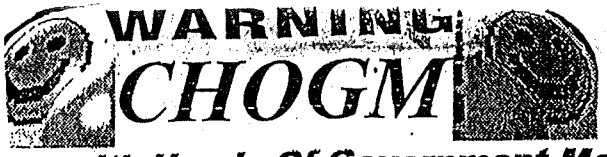

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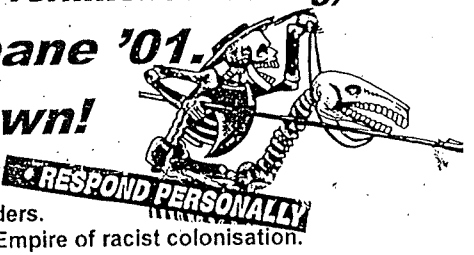

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Choose 54 world leaders.
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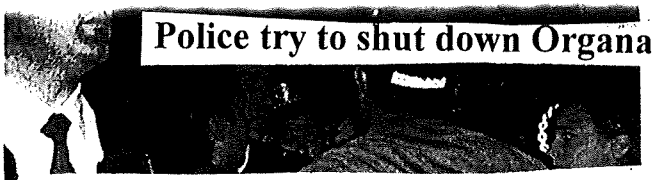

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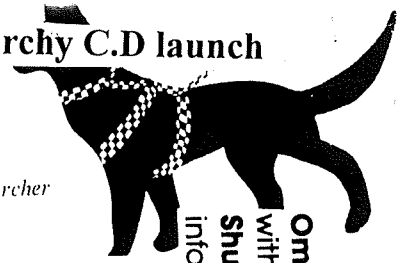

Organarchy &
Oms Not Bombs' Beatzwork launch party
with **Non Bossy Posse, Bionique & Spaz**
Shub of Nam (ph 1900920482 for location info);

People flocked to the much loved Graffiti Hall of fame on Saturday 11th August for an amazing community active gathering that even a major police raid couldn't stop.

Sydney's inner-city graffiti cathedral and community centre was filled with happy people, cutting edge sounds, wildly painted revolutionary trucks, bus's and a fire engine. By midnight the place was jumping, Non Bossy Posse knocking out a mad blend of beats punctuated by freestyle activist rhyming.

The Police had returned, this time not to negotiate volume levels but to close the party down and evacuate the crowd into the street. Tony Spanos, die-hard community worker and coordinator of grassroots youth programs in the space reacted to this police directive by locking them out. He was immediately arrested; boltcutter-wielding police broke through the gate and proceeded to enter the packed venue and cause havoc.

They descended on the soundsytems, shutting them down; the inside upstairs rig had leads thugishly pulled out while punters were prevented from going to the toilet. They attempted to herd people out to little or no effect. The behaviour of all present must be commended; they dealt with the ridicule gatecrashers with restraint humour and defiance, the vast majority of the crowd staying. Police threatened to confiscate equipment, the crew for obvious reasons refused this offer. The legality of the raid was questioned by most whom had immediate contact with the police, warrants were repeatedly asked for. They had no noise meters or evidence that the phonecalls were in-fact not part of the wider campaign to shut the community space down.

For almost an hour the police attempted to clear people out but were met with opposition. The whole event was turned into a theatrical spectacle. Intelligent lights pinpointed some of the flashpoints, heckles were made,'Bad cop no doughnut chants' sung out followed by much laughter, stand offs, police pushing and directing and people resisting. The escalating tension the Police had caused was not turned into violence but and amazing people powered percussion jam sparked of by a bottle falling into to an air-conditioning fan. A spontaneous organic metallic jam continued inspired by the industrial drum-rolls the venue itself was rattling out. People banged on pots and pans, stomped on wood, drummed on the panels of the Peace bus, and pulled rhythms out of whatever they could find untill amazing phantom melodies could be heard. The sound system joined in with M.c'ing, beatboxing and scratching. Offers of the mike to the police were refused; there was no rhyme or reason for the their actions. Maybe its part of the global right wing community insensitive polices policy and brutality. Four arrests were made all up and no charged laid. The police eventually retreated as a victory cheer resounded around. The music was on

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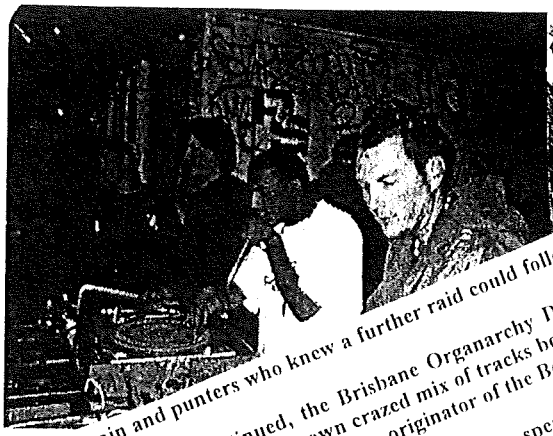
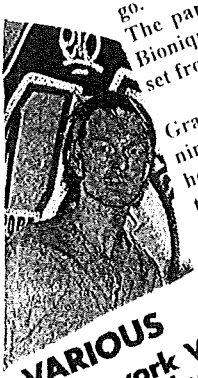
ON A TIGHT LEASH



again and punters who knew a further raid could follow decided to either stay or go.

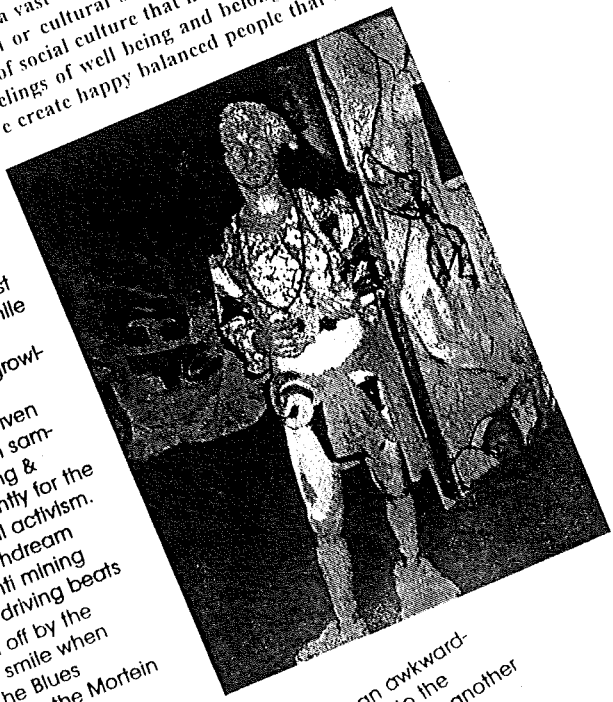
The party continued, the Brisbane Organarchy D.J's Spaz Shub of Nam and Bionique played there own crazed mix of tracks before a surprise rocking techno set from Germany's Dr Motte originator of the Berlin Love Parade.

Graffiti Hall of Fame is a club that has spent much of the later half of the nineties trying to legitimise its much needed services in the courts, the rezoning home unit goldrush has lead to a vast increase in home units in the area without the accompanying recreational or cultural services. Police should realise these events are an important part of social culture that has positive effects on peoples creative development and feelings of well being and belonging. If we nurture a happy and inclusive vibes we create happy balanced people that reflects into the wider society.

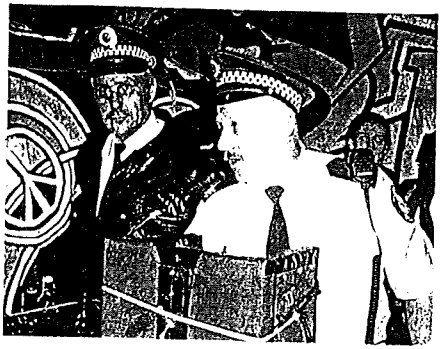


VARIOUS
Beatzwork Vol 2
Organarchy (thru Creative Vibes)

Mixing progressive politics & dance culture is no easy thing considering the 2nd is most times ecstatically ignorant of the other. While this is hardly a 'dance album' in the club sense (combining everything from the growling & beatless Industrial bulletin of Canberra's EYE, to the pounding riff driven breaks of Fatty Acidz or James Brown samples) it does have its roots in partying & electronic production, but importantly for the producers, balanced with political activism. Inspired in some part by the Earthdream 2000 Indigenous cognition & anti mining trek, there's enough humour & driving beats to befriend anyone frightened off by the word 'politics'. It's hard not to smile when Labrats Sounds System put The Blues Brothers in the blender & deliver the Mortein inspired *Mini The Mutant*, or during the opening monologue in *Congratulations Seattle*. Apart from those employing humour are the energy charged onslaughts of rush activism & the direct samples of union & squatter picket-lines to Maralinga testimonies.



Occasionally there's an awkwardness in weaving serious intent into the music, by when voice is used as just another sound in the sonic palate as it often is in electronic music, I'd rather it chanted "Stop Uranium Mining" than a meaningless "Ooh Baby". Looking for a new dance move? Take a step to the left with Beatzwork.



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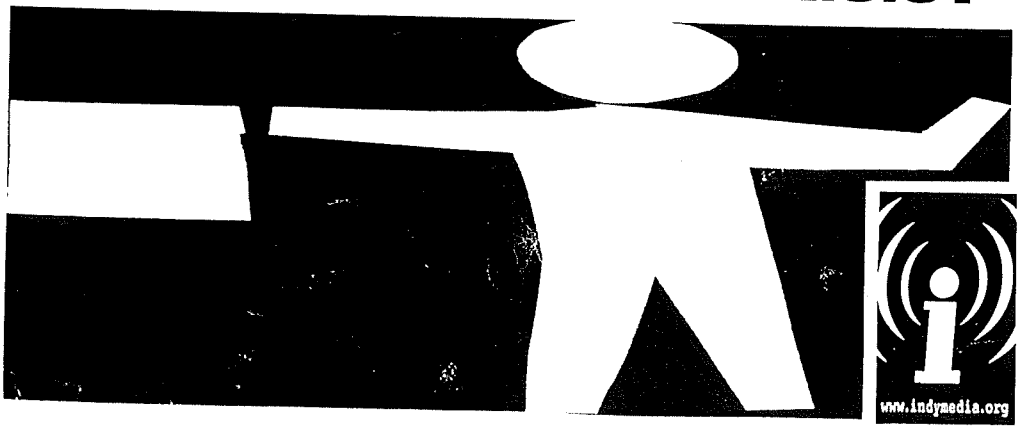
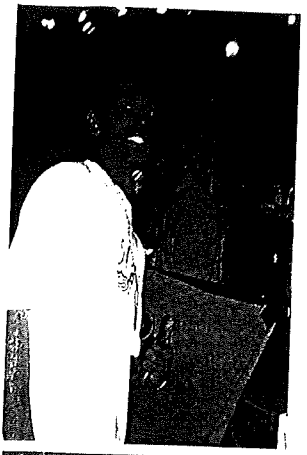
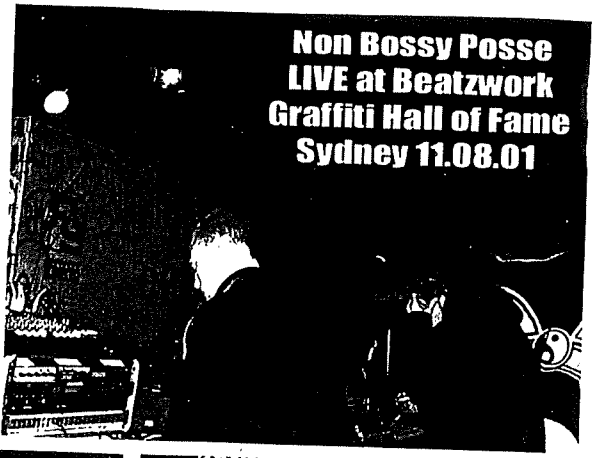
Police raid Beatzwork C.D. Launch at Graffiti Hall of Fame 11.8.01



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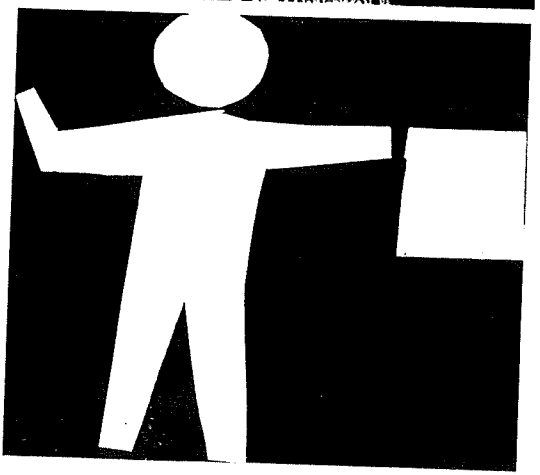

Briefing from Bibi Sat, 28 Jul 2001 <bibibulak@yahoo.com>

Okay here's the low-down on the Bibibulak project.Yohan went home about 2 months ago for his sisters wedding so has not been in Timor. I completed the 3rd Bibi show (a good piss take at the us military) just in time for Sandy, the 3rd Bibi, Canadian to go back to Canada. So Bibi 'meyeehed' all alone. Then came a rumour??? from an anti-violence gang dude from Bidau Massau (next community over) that there were some guys who wanted to take out Bibibulak? Without yohan in the unsecured house I started not to feel so safe, especially with all the new people in town being repatriated and things seemed just a little more uncertain and chaotic with the upcoming election.

Then the following Monday after the show aired someone trashed the entire Bibibulak project on the UN computer. It's accessible by anyone at the UN from any computer so I'll never know. Then made a promo video thinking, okay time to put the project on hold and go raise some money, then someone trashed that-Twice. On the third attempt, I made the promo and burned in it on to tape in the same night. Then I left Timor. Good timing since I had a kidney infection, septicaemia and e.coli at the same time and had to be hospitalised.

So at the moment there are no Bibibulak's in Timor. Yohan will be working on a documentary with this Austrian filmmaker Igor during August and could possibly return to Timor or not. We put in a good year of work. I'm not sure if I will return in September, but will return one day, possibly after the Malaes are gone. Sandy has no plans to return. So basically the BibiBulak project is in a permanent state of holding.

-The instruments we procured went to Cinco D'oriente, an amazing traditional band, who may play at the Woodford Folk Fest this Dec.(Im waiting on confirmation) including 2 speakers, Gloria's Jembe drum, a Jembe from Igor, 3 guitars, an electric guitar, a drum kit, a guitar amp, loads of harmonicas, triangles, and recorders. I've written about Cinco D'Oriente before. They are the ones who had all their equipment looted and the lead singer/songwriter Eggo, runs a nursery. Marine boy just cleaned up one of their sessions they recorded in Melbourne. If anyone is interested in their cd, (its beautiful) let me know-The art supplies to the youth center in Suai.

I just want to thank everyone who supported our project. It was truly a great thing that happened. Strictly grassroots, that's why it worked. We got the respect of the Timorese and we made TONS of people laugh. I'm certain we infected the minds of thousands and thousands of kids, adults, even some elders who won't forget Bibibulak or to "Hemu Tasi-been!" (Drink Seawater) The word crazy "bulak" has become a fun word and not a sinister one. Lots of trauma there.

There was also a lot of interesting dialogue happening with some of the activists and youth. Political ideas were shared. We cautioned them about the "civilized" world that is not so civilized, about uranium mining, about other indigenous groups, the WTO, about the way globalization runs. We also learned a lot about their idea's of family, community, and politics. Since we could converse quite well in their language we could communicate on a level that not many people have. We think that we instilled some creative ways to deal with the overriding, sometimes unyielding system of things that will continue to affect Timor and the rest of the world. It was a successful project. Im still hearing from friends in Timor that people are still calling out for Bibibulak. Yeah I'll really miss that place, it's magical. And the people...Respect.

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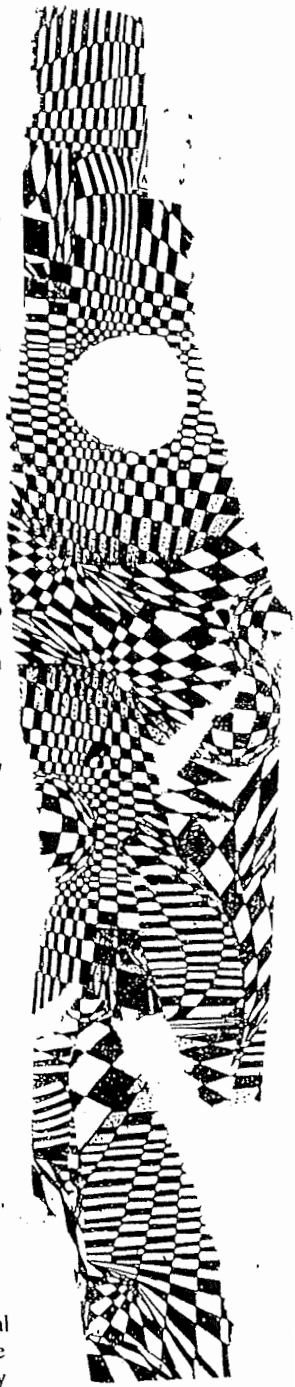
JULY 1 PORTUGAL REMOVES IMPRISONMENT FOR USE OF ALL DRUGS



The new law, enacted by the Socialist government on July 1, eliminates the threat of prison for possession of personal supplies of *any* drug. Drugs remain illegal, however - their possession is just no longer an imprisonable offence. Fines may still be applied, or community service. And a single joint could send you to the anti-addiction commission!

Possession of up to 10 *"daily doses"* is personal, not punishable by imprisonment, but holding more than that is evidence of dealing. A "daily dose" is generally less than what serious users actually consume, however, so in practice anyone with more than a few days' doses still risks prison.

Although, if they're within the 10-dose limit, first offenders will normally have their punishment suspended, *anyone* caught with *any* quantity of drugs must appear within 72 hours before one of the country's 18 anti-drug-addiction commissions. After a hearing, those bodies can impose punishment such as a fine of up to $250 or revocation of a driver's license. Commissions also provide medical help and counseling about the dangers of drug use.

Drug trafficking remains punishable by up to 25 years' imprisonment. The sale of even a single dose of a drug to a friend is considered dealing.

Fines may not be leveled against addicts *at all* because of concerns that they'd steal to pay them.

Foreigners will be required to appear before the commissions, and police in their own countries may be notified.

"A SORT OF THIRD WAY"

"We're trying a sort of third way between the hard approach of the United States and the soft approach of countries like Holland," said Vitalino Canas, Portugal's drug policy czar. *"We are not allowing any legal use of drugs. It's not the same as in Holland.... We think most people who try Ecstasy or hashish will not try other drugs, but some will, so the system should not leave these people alone."*

The stated philosophy is that traffickers are criminals who should be punished, but users are *victims* who should be *helped.*

Police appear to be *more* likely to take action against casual users. The government hopes such young people would benefit from getting picked up by the police. *"Drug users are not criminals but the victims of crime, and should be helped like other victims of crime"* said Canas.

"PORTUGAL - SUN, BEACHES'N ANY DRUG YOU FANCY?"

"There will be planeloads of students heading for southern Portugal to smoke marijuana and take a lot worse, knowing we won't put them in jail," predicts *Conservative Popular Party* leader Paulo Portas. *"We promise sun, beaches and any drug you like."*

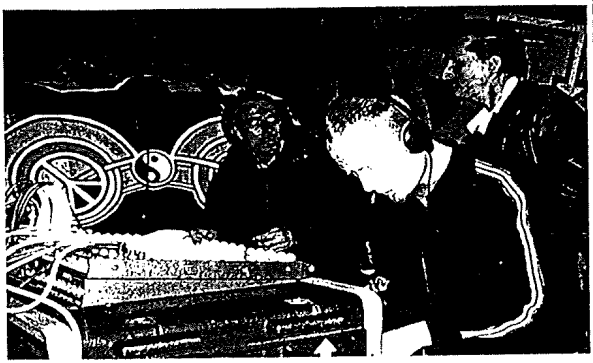
While Canas insists that Portas *"knows this is not true,"* he admits that his widely reported remark reflects an ongoing political battle over drug policy. *"We must have courage, because we must try new alternatives."*

Some police have also voiced concern that dealing convictions will go down - casual users will no longer need to save their skins by testifying against dealers when those skins are no longer threatened. Other cops admit, however, that most users presently don't actually testify.

Until the new law took effect, police had shown decreasing interest in arresting casual drug users *"because they knew that if they got a young guy . . . using Ecstasy or hashish, and this unlucky person was sent to jail, he'd probably come out using not hashish but heroin with syringes,"* Canas said.

GRAFFITI HALL OF FAME 11.08.2001

Graffiti Hall of Fame has been an inspiration for many throughout the nineties. Setting up of the space has offered grassroots youth services where there was none and has brought together graffiti muralists, promoters, artists and activists together in the spirit of goodwill. Many a project has been launched at the world renown space that the local council and development lobby have been determined to shut down. As industrial space was rezoned for residential they put a dollar sign on every square inch of ground to maximise their profits without a thought for more sustainable and people friendly environs.



ORGANARCHY SOUND SYSTEMS

Many of the murals that brighten up Bondi beach, Newtown,Erskinville and Redfern were created by the Hall of Fame project, Indigenous sport endeavours, the Peace Bus helped by the space and the Ohms Not Bombs anti nuke tour were also made a reality by Tony Spano's milestone project. In recent times court actions and heavy fines have limited the spaces to operate as a venue and its future is in doubt. Stay tuned for more news at

www.graffitihalloffame.com

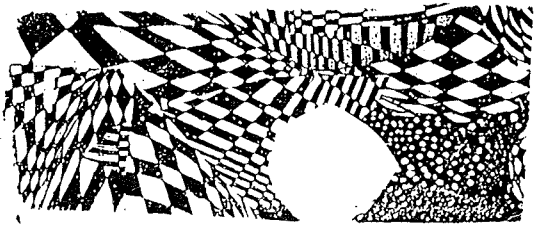
Beatzwork @ Graffiti Hall of Fame
Saturday 11th of August 2001

Down at the Graffiti Hall of fame on Saturday night police - for what reason I, as I'm sure many others don't know, stormed a party called BEATZWORK - probably some pathetic infringement of some pathetic little council sound restriction clause or something along those pathetic lines.
What really was disappointing and pathetic was the way in which the matter was handled. The Police are there to serve and protect the community (the last I heard any way) from the kind of criminals we read about in the media each and every day. For this reason I have the utmost respect for members of the police force when I know they have to face danger of such a nature on a daily basis. These aforementioned dangers are usually the result of the criminals they have to face. However I cannot respect them for what they did on Saturday night. I will even be reasonable enough to admit that if there were reasonable and legitimate reasons for the party being closed down that they were within their power to do so - that is IF - but this still does not absolve them of the way they handled the situation or treated those attending the party.

At about 2:30 (an approximation) my girlfriend and I were enjoying a conversation and fresh air just near the entrance gate whilst listening to the music when we heard that cops were coming - (having experienced the police tactics at Happy Valley earlier this year I braced myself for the worst). A couple of minutes later I saw people from the party holding back the gates as the police tried to muscle their way in - (did they have reasonable grounds to enter the site or a warrant?) The cops through sheer brutal force and excessive numbers made it in.
10 to 20 police men and women is what I would call excessive force needed in such a situation - not to mention the cop cars that closed off Botany Road either side of the venue, and the police needed to re-direct traffic as a result. Add to this their attitude - they looked like members of the SS or KGB the way they barged in there - what a pathetic show of authority. Not only did they make a forced entry into the site, but they treated people who were there for a good time and cause like pieces of shit - including the owner of the Hall, Tony Spanos - who we saw being dragged out past us by two cops like a filthy criminal. (I later heard he was arrested – arrested for what? - providing a space in which members of the community can come and gather in a peaceful and positive manner?)

Enough is enough - do we live in a Democratic and free society where Freedom of Speech is not only a right but also an obligation? Do we have to put up with totalitarian practices like this? If I wanted to be treated like this I would move to Communist China.

What makes this situation even worse - even worse than the police treatment if that is possible - is when you think of all the other things the police could have been doing on Saturday night, serving and protecting the community, rather than attacking harmless and peace loving people doing



BEST THORN IN THE SIDE OF THE POWERS THAT BE
Tony Spanos
Inspired lunatic, or professional agitator? South Sydney Council will tell you he's the latter, but us folks at the Organ reckon he's a fuck'n champion. Reducing himself from wealth to bankruptcy whilst hosting magnificent party/riots and helping street kids get on their feet and turn their graffiti into authentic urban folk art at his own expense, whilst instigating various social justice and sheerly joyful social anarchic enterprises on a grand scale, the former owner of the Graffiti Hall of Fame and patron saint of the Ohms Not Bombs crew hereby gets our gong, the Knights Cross of the Order of the Omnipotent Organ. Pity our worshipful magistrates don't agree. They've backed the powers that be against our man to the tune of everything he owns. Not that that's stopped him. Just don't get into a phone conversation with him if you've got any urgent appointments before next week.

BEST GRASSROOTS POLITICAL MOVEMENT
Ohms Not Bombs
Not just another peacenik outfit, these refreshingly optimistic anarchists still believe outrageous individuals banded together can make a difference. Unrestricted to any single portfolio, their broad mission plan seems to be to sow happiness and discord by squatting anywhere they feel like it, marauding across the continent on merry missions of dance and informed dissent, and generally preventing the world from becoming another American state

by upholding good old fashioned virtues like freedom and the right not to work some shitty job. Sydney's sadly sterilised political consciousness and much publicised but now obsolete irreverence for authority would be much the worse for the absence of these Pan-like beings, who remind us that the prevailing one-way street of money-fixation, career and let-the-pollies-take-care-of-it malaise is gonna have us all looking like the cast of Friends if we don't get some sass about us quick-smart.

nothing more than taking an energetic and positive action in things that they believe in - by putting on a party where music and dancing are being put to the creation and development of a positive goal. The Police Power used on Saturday night would have served the community far better by trying to do something to stop the abominable crimes to women in our dear city's west - or like trying to do something about the ever rising tide of Heroin on our streets and the ever increasing numbers of children and families being affected by insidious Heroin addiction.

When are the Governments and Police going to realise that the enemy and that the trouble in society are not members of the "Dance Community" or the "Techno/Electronic/Party Scene" or whatever generic umbrella we wish to collect ourselves under. When are the Media going to stop focusing on us as a problem and realise that generally we are a peace loving community opposed to violence or aggression of any kind and that perhaps if they put their energy into co-operating and working with us they would realise they would have allies instead of enemies - because when it comes down to it they are making enemies out of us.

Later that night in the city (after not being let back into the party) I saw a group of drunken men behaving like absolute fuckwits, kicking bins over, throwing rubbish around, pissing on streets - and there were no cops to be seen - Is this what "acceptable" behaviour is?

Hey, perhaps if we all behaved more like drunken arrogant red-neck piss-heads who caused fights and abused women and caused damage to private and public property and played pokies and pissed and spewed all over Sydney city's streets on our way home from the local pub or club we would all be left alone - but we want away from this kind of attitude and behaviour - that is why we attend parties where we can feel safe from this kind of behaviour - this is why these parties are put on so both men and women can enjoy music and each others company without feeling threatened or in danger.

The decision to raid the BEATZWORK by Police is not only an example of discrimination but also an infringement of our rights as members of the wider community. The Police must be made accountable for their decision to single us out and they must be made accountable for the way they handled the situation. The wider community has to know that such Police practices are unacceptable and un-Australian. When we hear of such things going on in the world, we are disgusted in our disbelief that they can actually exist in the modern world – so why should we tolerate them in our own backyard? But people choose to turn a blind eye to the situation, rather believing the distorted bullshit picture that the media paints of the scene - we're only a bunch of drug-taking dole-bludging university students so goon on the police for closing their parties down. Would people react differently if they heard that Police had invaded someone's private property, like their homes, in such a totalitarian and aggressive manner?

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SNIFFER DOGS

USING YOUR RIGHTS

WHAT CAN YOU DO IF YOU ARE APPROACHED BY A DRUG DOG TEAM

You cannot stop the police from searching you, but you must make sure that they write down that you asked not to be searched.

This leaves the door open for the legality of the search to be challenged in the courts.

You do not have to say anything beyond your name and address until you have sought legal advice, whether you are charged or not.

If you feel you have been unreasonably treated by the police you should complain.

You should also complain if the police are overly aggressive, rude or in any way rough you up.

Complaints or reports should be made to:

- Redfern Legal Centre (9698 7277, www.rlc.org.au) or to
- The NSW Council of Civil Liberties (9660 7582, www.nswccl.org.au)

Sniffer dog raids 'illegal'

STEPHEN BIRCH

THE use of police sniffer dogs in random drug searches is to be challenged in court after claims that police have been acting illegally.

More than 20 people have been advised by the Redfern Legal Centre they have a case against police after being searched by the dogs.

They include a DJ from a city nightclub who was told to stop playing to a large audience before being searched by a police with a dog.

Another man lost his job after he was searched at a Surry Hills hotel and accused of associating with people who had used drugs.

Lawyers from the centre claim the act of a dog sniffing a person constitutes a search but there is currently no legislation covering such action.

Police use 12 drug sniffing dogs across the state to search for illegal substances which include cannabis and ecstasy.

NSW Council for Civil Liberties president Cameron Murphy said today random drug searches by police dogs were an unnecessary invasion of privacy.

"You don't go round searching everybody until you find someone that's guilty of something," he said.

"It's supposed to work the other way around and you only conduct things like searches when you've got evidence of wrongdoing and the way the police are using these dogs at the moment is just to search first and then make people turn out their pockets.

"We have got advice that suggests that when the dog actually sniffs, it is conducting the search under the control of the police officer.

"So there is no reasonable suspicion, they are just searching large numbers of people."

Under the NSW Drugs Misuse and Trafficking Act (1985), police are allowed to stop, search and detain people if there is a reasonable suspicion they are carrying prohibited drugs.

Mr Murphy said police were wasting time and money using the sniffer dogs to catch people with small quantities of drugs.

"We've got people who work in hospitals and other environments where they are looking at hard drugs all day that the dogs will pick up," he said.

"They are being forced to certify their actions."

Police have charged a lot of people with possession and the only incidents that they've managed to get out of are people charged with supply offences.

"It's just laughable to suggest that someone caught with two ecstasy tablets in their pocket is a dealer.

"The whole policy of drugs has shifted away from targeting users toward the 'Mr Bigs'.

"They are spending an awful lot of money trying to justify this canine unit.

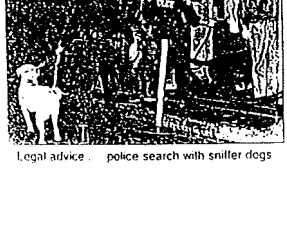
"All they are doing is targeting users. It clogs the court system up, most of these people will plead guilty and they'll get a criminal record or a fine and it takes up an enormous amount of court time.

"Meanwhile, the Government is moving away from this by having a cannabis cautioning program, a drug court and they are looking at a cautioning program for other drugs."

Mr Murphy said the sniffer dog exercise "seemed to be a colossal waste of resources."

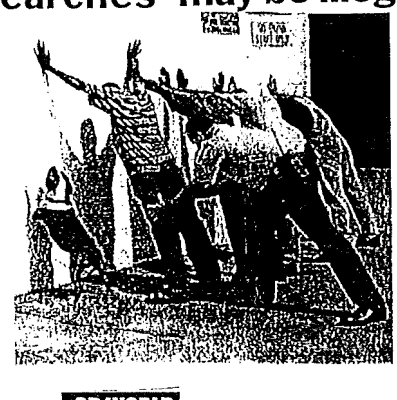
"When there are unsolved murders and rapes that do need resources, why are the police wasting money on this?"

THE DAILY TELEGRAPH, Monday, August 13,



Legal advice . police search with sniffer dogs

Police sniffer dog searches 'may be illegal'



3D WORLD

Further adventures with Spot-the-Dog!

ARE POLICE BITING OFF MORE THAN THEY CAN CHEW WITH INCREASED USE OF SNIFFER DOGS TO TARGET PEOPLE FOR SMALL SCALE POSSESSION OFFENCES? TIMOTHY MOORE OF THE REDFERN DRUG POLICY PROJECT EXAMINES THE HARMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE NSW POLICE SERVICES SNIFFER DOGS CAMPAIGN.

The use of sniffer dogs in public spaces breaches people's civil liberty, may be illegal and is likely to cause more harm than good. There are things that people can do to object to these practices but until these police practices are changed then all of us in society will pay the price. It is estimated that the NSW taxpayer is paying up to $90000 for each of the possible 30 sniffer dogs currently operating in NSW. The people of NSW are paying a price even higher than the $2.7 million dog tag as there are other significant costs and negative impacts.

The sniffer dogs do not go out alone. At the recent Exchange Hotel raid half of Oxford Street was blocked with dozens of police involved. This exercise must have cost a small fortune in overtime, however its costs were even greater in the sacrifice of justice. How many hours did the police take to respond to domestic violence calls that night?

The loss of freedom of movement has been one of the first casualties. No one in NSW should feel that they can't safely go out on the streets or public transport without being searched without their consent. The loss of freedom of activity is another great sacrifice that NSW citizens and visiting tourists are making. People should feel that they can sit in a bar without that venue being surrounded by police and their liberty removed until the police have finished their dog business.

The outcome of the raid on the Exchange Hotel was that around 500 people were detained for an extended period resulting in nine arrests for personal possession or small quantities of illegal drugs. These people will join the 1584 that were charged from the beginning of the year until the end of May who will cost even more time and money in police, prosecutors, courts and perhaps prisons.

Our liberties are being ripped off in other ways. The police are acting unlawfully. It is not legal to search people without reasonable grounds and is against the law to deprive people of their liberty. Furthermore, the use of a sniffer dog by someone pretending to be blind is deceptive and could hardly be thought of as the last great undercover genius of disguise. A Random Breath Testing site, which has been used to provide sniffer dogs the opportunity to search cars may also constitute stopping people under false pretences.

Police sniffer dogs on the nose

Ian Gerard THE AUSTRALIAN — Monday August 13

THE use of sniffer dogs by NSW police to randomly search people for drugs will be challenged in court by several people sniffed on the street and in pubs and clubs across the state.

State MPs and community legal centres have received a flood of complaints from distressed members of the public and the NSW Ombudsman is investigating a number of incidents. In one case in the Sydney suburb of Surry Hills, a computer firm employee was sniffed during a lunch with clients and accused of having an association with people who used drugs. He now feels under suspicion from his bosses at work.

Police claim that if a dog smells a prohibited substance on a person, the police officer has reasonable grounds to search that person.

But some lawyers claim that getting sniffed by a dog constitutes a search in itself and intend to test this point in the courts.

"There is no special legislation that has been brought in for the sniffer dogs and we think that getting sniffed by a dog constitutes a search," Redfern Legal Centre coordinator Caitlan Perry said.

"Australians generally think that they can go down the street or go to the pub or go on public transport without being searched by police. That is no longer the case in NSW."

NSW Council for Civil Liberties president Cameron Murphy said even if the searches were considered legal, they ran counter to the concept of a free and democratic society.

"In a free society, people can go about their business and don't have to justify themselves to authorities unless there's good reason," he said.

"The police are searching everyone that they see and then getting them to turn out their pockets to see which ones are innocent."

Police refused to comment about the potential legal and civil liberty violations, but they did admit there was some sensitivity in the community to the use of sniffer dogs.

"The police dog unit is trying to keep a low profile because we don't want to alarm people," a police spokesman said.

"They are just another part of the service and people shouldn't be frightened of them. Unless, of course, they have something to hide."

RAID RAMIFICATIONS

A consequence of the recent police raids, besides lots of people expressing their democratic viewpoints, has been that Liquid has closed at the Exchange Hotel. The police found that they were in breach of a couple of aspects of the Alcohol Licensing Agreement and the promoters had to close shop. It's difficult to run a club with all the lights on, which was a police stipulation if Liquid wished to rectify their breaches and continue trading.

Also, the stabbing at Rogues nightclub five days after the police raids on The Exchange Hotel was a reminder of the very real problem of violence in clubs that has reared up from time to time over the last few years. Shouldn't or wouldn't the police be more effective in maintaining a stronger focus on targeting violence and weapon carrying in our community. They can still maintain their campaign on drugs, but the real concerns are the cases of violence. Who goes out at night for a dance at a club and thinks they have to take a gun and a knife?! What sort of attitude is that? Not many people subscribe to that, just a minority.

There are other reasons why many people find this practice unacceptable. It targets recreational drug users.

It is a widely held view that targeting users of small quantities of drugs does nothing to decrease the number of drug users or the amount of drugs consumed. It may however, have significant impact on the harms associated with the use of those drugs. There is a real danger that these policing tactics could have significant unintended negative health and social consequences resulting in costs to the community and harms to the drug users while not reducing the harm associated with illicit drugs.

Policing and National Drug strategies both claim that their major focus is on traffickers and dealers. However, after the recent Exchange raid local area commander Superintendent Gary Hodsden told the Sydney Star Observer "obviously if you take the drugs, the dogs won't be able to spot you but you are at serious risk if you take drugs all at once." The Superintendent had witnessed this himself and went on to say that, "when the lights went up, there were people throwing things on the floor and popping things in their mouths, but we as a service can only tell you that it is dangerous and will seriously risk your health."

If people are fearful of carrying small quantities of drugs for their personal use they may feel impelled to use all drugs purchased at once, increasing the risk of death or [illegible]

DRUG DOGS ON THE STREET

Redfern Legal Centre / NSW Council for Civil Liberties

Anti Sniffer Dogs Campaign

The Redfern Legal Centre and the NSW Council for Civil Liberties are campaigning to stop the use of sniffer dogs on the streets of NSW. Keep your eye out on the free press or contact the centre for further details.

The cold nose of the law.

Sniffer dogs have been sniffing around citizens recently in some unlikely places. They have been used in Kings Street Newtown, Newtown and Redfern Railway Stations, Happy Valley Dance party, Oxford Street Darlinghurst, (on the weekend before Mardi Gras) and on the NSW North Coast at Nimbin, Lismore and Byron Bay. Targeted communities are in uproar about this affront to their peaceful activities.

Now you may think that someone would have to be stupid to need a $90,000.- trained dog to find Cannabis in Nimbin but the NSW Police have about thirty of these hounds which they are searching people, cars and venues all over the place. In one instance a popular rock and roll venue had the doors sealed by police while officers and handlers took the dogs through searching the black clad cultural fringe.

Under the law, any search for drugs should be based on "reasonable suspicion", that is a suspicion held on some objective fact or observation. While many legal professionals believe that a trained dog sniffing a person is a drug search, this view has not yet been tested in the courts. Even if these "searches" are legal, they run counter to the spirit of the law and the concept of a free democratic society when people are in fact being searched and treated as under suspicion simply for doing something legal like having a drink in a bar.

There are other reasons why many people find this practice unacceptable. It targets recreational drug users. This may lead to drug users increasing their harm, by taking all their drugs at once soon after purchase and it may also increase the number of unsafely disposed syringes if users are afraid of being stopped and asked to turn out their pockets.

The police dogs cost $90,000 each. When added to the cost of the support team of officers, handlers and the cost of courts to process offence this makes a considerable sum. Communities must ask themselves if this an appropriate allocation of police resources or if the prosecution of simple drug possession offences is a police or community priority.

People charged with simple possession offences make up the vast majority of people who are detected through sniffer dog squad activities. A criminal record is likely to have negative consequences for their employment, educational participation and family relations. It is unlikely that charging people with simple possession offences reduces the number of people who consume drugs or the amount of drugs consumed.

The communities targeted are right in their questioning of the selection of their community for this special treatment or to ask why wealthier suburbs are not being targeted.

The NSW Council for Civil Liberties is asking for reports of any incidents in which people have been searched as result of a dog sniff and no drugs have been found. We would also suggest that people ask the police why are they being sniffed by a dog. People found with more than certain prescribed quantities of some drugs are charged with "deemed" supply, a very serious charge. However, in effect this policy is really targeting recreational users of drugs who are the least threat to society while placing innocent people in the atmosphere of a totalitarian police state.

If approached by a sniffer dog team and you do not wish to participate in a search, you should indicate that you do not wish to participate in a random search. If the search proceeds you should ask that your objection to the search be recorded. If you are charged you do not have to say anything beyond your name and address until they have sought legal advice.

Complaints and reports should be made to the NSW Council for Civil Liberties on 9660 7582 or to PO Box 201 Glebe NSW. You can also make a complaint or report to our website at www.nswcl.org.au. You can also register your complaint or report with Redfern Legal Centre on 9698 7277 or at www.rlc.org.au.

Why aggressive policing of simple possession needs to be kept on a tight leash!

Or

Further Adventures with Spot the Dog!

Are police biting off more than they can chew with increased use of sniffer dogs to target people for small scale possession offences? Timothy Moore of the Redfern Drug Policy Project examines the harms associated with the NSW Police services sniffer dogs campaign.

The use of sniffer dogs by NSW Police to randomly search people for drugs is apparently their new "weapon" in the "war against drugs". Recently they have been sniffing around citizens in public places including King St Newtown, Redfern and Hornsby Railway Stations, Oxford St and the streets of Blacktown and Penrith as well as the NSW North Coast at Nimbin, Byron Bay and Lismore.

LEGAL ADVICE / SUPPORT

Redfern Legal Centre or your local Community Legal Aid Commission

NSW Council for Civil Liberties

POLICE COMPLAINTS

- The NSW Council for Civil Liberties # (02) 9660 7582,
- Redfern Legal Centre # (02) 9698 7277
- NSW Ombudsman, Level 24, 580 George, St Sydney 2000 # (02) 9286 1000

The use of sniffer dogs by the NSW police could be causing more problems than it solves.

The use of sniffer dogs to search NSW citizens for drugs in public spaces has increased significantly over the last year. The specially trained dogs enable police to search large numbers of people in public places and search people within venues.

It is unlawful for police to search someone with out reasonable grounds. The use of sniffer dogs constitutes a search of all people to whom the dog is exposed.

It is unlawful for the police to unlawfully detain citizens. All citizens who are contained in a venue could claim that they have been detained unlawfully.

There are questions as to weather these breaches of people's civil liberties are justified. There is a real danger also that these policing tactics could have significant unintended negative consequences. These health and social consequences can result in costs to the community, harms to the drug users while not moving toward the goals of reducing the harm associated with illicit drugs.

The priority areas of policing should be set by the community. Policing and National Drug strategies both claim that their major focus of policing under the drug laws is on traffickers and dealers. It is a widely held view that targeting users of small quantities of drugs does nothing to decrease the number of drug users or the amount of drugs consumed. It may however, have significant impact on the harms associated with the use of those drugs.

The police carrying out these searches are aware of the potential harms associated with their activities. After the recent raid on the exchange hotel in Oxford Street local area commander Superintendent Gary Hodsden told the Sydney Star Observer, (SSO.28/6/01) " Obviously if you take the drugs, the dogs won't be able to spot you but you are at serious risk if you take drugs all at once." The Superintendent had witnessed this himself and went on to say that, " On Saturday night when the lights went up, there were people throwing things on the floor and popping things in their mouths, but we as a service can only tell you that it is dangerous and will seriously risk your health."

If injecting drug users are suspecting that they may be stopped and searched they are more likely to dispose of injecting equipment at the point of use rather than returning it to a needle exchange or chemist for safe disposal.

If people are fearful of carrying small quantities of drugs for their personal use they may feel impelled to use all drugs purchased at once, increasing the risk of death or hospitalisation through overdose.

If people are going to a dance party and are to take a drug like ecstacy they will often reduce the risks of harm by asking among friends for a type of pill with which they have experience. They are likely to buy tablets from a recommended source in small numbers for a group of people. The presence of the threat of a dog search can lead to people taking all the drugs they have on their person to avoid detection, even if this amount is far above what they might normally consume.

With other avenues removed and under the threat of dog searches at dance parties people can be thrown into the situation where they can only purchase drugs at the point of consumption. This leaves people without the benefits of knowing the tablet type or the supplier and deprives them of valuable and reliable information from friends about the affect, safety and prior experience with the drug.

For people who receive a criminal record for the small scale possession of prohibited substances it is unlikely to lead them to stop their drug use. People are more likely to stop their drug use when they grow out of it, get bored with it or don't enjoy it as much anymore. Most people who use drugs are not dependent and purchase their drugs with wages earned legally.

For people who have a criminal record this can lead to decreased engagement with educational, travel and career aspirations, disrupt their family and personal relations and brand them with a record that may only further their engagement in the criminal environment.

With 68% of adults under 29 years of age having used cannabis enforcement of small scale possession laws criminalises more than half of a generation of young Australians.

Complaints or reports about sniffer dog activity can be made to Redfern Legal Centre [9698 7277, www.rlc.org.au] or to the NSW Council for Civil Liberties [9660 7582, www.nswccl.org.au]. These web sites also have information about your rights.

The considerable expense of these street level policing operations and the removal of peoples civil rights are unjustified in targeting possession offences. There is no link between the targeting of possession offences and reduced drug consumption or reduced crime. The harms associated with these operations to a majority of citizens makes them simply bad practice.

WHO CAN YOU CONTACT ?

SOCIAL / POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Contact your local member for State Parliament
- The Police Customer Assistance Line # 1800 622 571
- The NSW Council for Civil Liberties # (02) 9660 7582

AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL TENT
EMBASSY INTERNATIONAL CONSULATE
THE HAGUE HOLLAND

THE ABORIGINAL TENT EMBASSY FROM CANBERRA AUSTRALIA HAS ESTABLISHED AN OFFICE IN THE HAGUE THE NEDERLANDS, TO START THEIR CASE IN THE WORLD COURT OVER THE HISTORICAL FACTS THAT SURROUND THE STEALING OF SOVEREIGN ABORIGINAL LANDS IN AUSTRALIÁ, GENOCIDE AND CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY IN AUSTRALIA, THAT WERE CARRIED OUT BY THE BRITISH CROWN AND GOVERNMENT, WHEN THE BRITISH FOUNDED AUSTRALIA AND ESTABLISHED A PENAL COLONY, IN SYDNEY, IN 1788.

A DELEGATION LED BY INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS ACTIVIST, AND WIRADJURI CUSTODIAN, ISABELL COE, VISITED THE BRITISH AND AUSTRALIAN CONSULATES IN THE HAGUE ON THURSDAY-30TH AUGUST 2001, TO DELIVER THE FIRST DOCUMENTS TO FORMALISE THE PROTOCOL REQUIRED TO START THIS UNIQUE AND HISTORICAL WORLD COURT ACTION, AND TO INITIATE THE DIALOGUE THAT IS REQUIRED TO DELIVER A MESSAGE TO THE QUEEN OF ENGLAND, ON THE FACTS THAT ABORIGINAL SOVEREIGNTY WAS NEVER CEDED BY THE ABORIGINAL NATIONS OF AUSTRALIA.

THEY WILL ALSO REQUEST THAT THE AUSTRALIAN AMBASODOR TO RAISE THE ABORIGINAL FLAG AT THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY WHILE THE DELEGATION IS IN THE HAGUE.

"WE HAVE BEEN TO THE HIGHEST COURTS IN AUSTRALIA OVER GENOCIDE AND OUR SOVEREIGN LAND RIGHTS AND THERE HAS BEEN NO JUSTICE .THE COURTS OF AUSTRALIA HAVE SAID THAT OUR SOVEREIGNTY CAN ONLY BE DETERMINED BY THE BRITISH COURTS OR THE WORLD COURT."ISABELL COE SAID.

"WE NEED TO ESTABLISH OUR OFFICE OF THE ABORIGINAL TENT EMBASSY HERE IN THE HAGUE, SO WE ARE ON NEUTRAL DIPLOMATIC GROUND AND WE WILL BE ABLE TO BRING OUR ELDERS AND PEOPLE OVER TO EUROPE TO TELL THEIR STORIES TO THE WORLD COURT".

" THE WAR AGAINST AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLE HAS BEEN GOING ON SINCE THE DAY THE BRITISH ARRIVED AND IT IS STILL GOING ON TODAY, AND WE NEED TO STOP THIS WAR.GENOCIDE AND THE DECIMATION OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLE AND ABORIGINAL SACRED LANDS IN AUSTRALIA HAS BEEN PRACTICED FOR OVER 200 YEARS .....IT HAS TO STOP."

"WE ARE HERE TO DELIVER A DECLARATION OF ABORIGINAL SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE LAND KNOWN AS AUSTRALIA, AND TO DELIVER A DECLARATION OF PEACE, TO END THE WAR THAT HAS BEEN WAGED AGAINST AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLE SINCE

AUSTRALIA WAS INVADED, AND WE WOULD LIKE BOTH THE BRITISH AND AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONERS TO NOTIFY THE BRITISH CROWN AND THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNER GENERAL THAT THIS PROCESS HAS BEGUN "ISABELL COE SAID.

"THE PEN IS MORE MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD AND WE HAVE BEEN FIGHTING LONG ENOUGH".

"WE HAVE ASKED THE AUSTRALIAN COURTS TO PRODUCE A DOCUMENT THAT DECLARED THAT THE BRITISH ACT OF SOVEREIGNTY, THAT WAS PROCLAIMED IN 1788, IN SYDNEY BY CAPTAIN AUTHER PHILIP, AND THEY CANNOT FIND THIS DOCUMENT, THEY COULD NOT SUBMIT THIS EVIDENCE TO THE COURTS, IT DOES NOT EXIST"

"THE ABORIGINAL TENT EMBASSY WILL ALSO BE PREPARING A DRAFT DOCUMENT TO PRODUCE TO THE WORLD COURTS THAT WILL BE SIGNED BY EVERY ABORIGINAL SOVEREIGN NATION IN AUSTRALIA, WHICH WILL STATE THAT THEY DID NOT SIGN OR CEDE THEIR SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OVER TO THE BRITISH WHEN THEY INVADED OVER 2 HUNDRED YEARS AGO."

"WE NEED TO START THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE ABORIGINAL PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA AND THE QUEEN OF ENGLAND OR HER REPRESENTIVES SO WE CAN RESOLVE THESE ISSUES, WITHOUT GOING TO THE LONG AND COMPLEX LEGAL RAMIFICATIONS THAT WILL LIE AHEAD FOR ALL OF US IN THE WORLD COURT".

"WE ALSO HAVE A SACRED FIRE FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE BURNING IN AUSTRALIA AND WE WILL BE GIVING THE AMBASSODORS SOME ASHES FROM THIS FIRE AS A SYMBOLIC JESTURE TO SIGNIFY THAT THE PEACE PROCESS HAS BEGUN".'

END

. CONTACT ISABELL COE AT TENTEMBASSY@HOTMAIL.COM

THE ABORIGINAL TENT EMBASSY WILL ALSO BE LIGHTING THE SACRED FIRE FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE AT THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE IN GENEVA.

IT IS HOPED YOU CAN SUPPORT US IN THIS CAMPAIGN TO HAVE FORMAL TALKS BETWEEN THE ABORIGINAL PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA AND THE QUEEN OF ENGLAND AND TO HAVE ABORIGINAL SOVEREIGN RIGHTS RECOGNISED IN AUSTRALIA.

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Aborigines reclaim Harbour island

A GROUP of Aborigines yesterday reclaimed deserted Cockatoo Island in Sydney Harbour.

About 60 activists, led by Isabell Coe, said they were taking back the island to begin the healing process.

Cockatoo Island, a sandstone island of about 18ha in the mouth of the Parramatta River, was used as a prison from the time of settlement. It became a major centre of shipping and shipbuilding in Australia until the Federal Government decided not to build warships there in 1992.

Ms Coe said the island had been deserted since the early 1990s and she claimed it had been polluted.

Australia, she said. Ms Coe said the island had been the scene of genocide after settlers arrived.

She said two ceremonial fires had been lit on the island to begin the healing process.

"We will stay here indefinitely," said Ms Coe.

"We want the people who have taken this island from us have desecrated, destroyed and deserted it and we are claiming it back."

She said Aborigines were claiming the island under "terra nullius", which means empty land.

It was the term under which the early Europeans settlers claimed

"We want to try and heal the island," said Ms Coe.

"We're looking for an end to this genocide war. What's happened on the mainland — it's happened on this island."

Ms Coe said she didn't know whether any of the descendants of the original Aboriginal owners of the island still lived in the area but said Aborigines once their ancestors had been buried there or other Aboriginal groups would join them.

Senior Constable Scott Abbott of Balmain police said he believed the island was sold to a private owner recently.

Resolution for national and international recognition of Aboriginal Sovereignty, Spirituality and Sustainability

"Our spiritual connectedness to land, sea, each other and all creation is sustainable management of the planet, the survival and quality of life for all humanity, and the balance between spirituality and materialism". *Wadjulerbinna, Gungalidda Nation*

"For the foreigners it is not too late to come the Right Way and respect us and accept us as the authority of this land in order to make peace. We have the recipe of life for this land". *Kevin Buzzacott, Arabunna Nation*

"Each of our nations, each mob, can talk business for proper sovereign land rights. We own it. We are boss for ourselves and our country from our ancestor days. That means sovereignty. We never gave away our land, our country, we never gave anyone the right to push us onto missions or kill us. We own this land. We own it. We are sovereign boss...". *Kevin Gilbert, 1933 - 1993, Wiradjuri Nation*

We proclaim the necessity to immediately and unconditionally end colonialism in all its forms and manifestations as it relates to the subjugation of Indigenous Nations and Peoples;

We declare the right of Indigenous Peoples to live as nations of diverse Peoples in equal sovereignty to UN Member States;

We call for international sporting sanctions against Australia to facilitate an end to the entrenched racial discrimination, gross violation of human rights, genocide and ethnocide against Aboriginal Nations and Peoples in Australia;

We declare that Indigenous Peoples are Peoples under international law with sovereign rights and freedoms to be enshrined under international law;

We call for full membership of Indigenous nations in the UN so that *all* nations can live in peace and good order;

We call for resourcing and support for Indigenous Peoples in defence of the Earth against the destruction created by corporate globalization, militarism and the nuclear cycle;

We call for an end to the subjugation of First Nations Peoples and recognition, acceptance and respect for Indigenous Sovereignty as an effective way to defend the Earth, our Mother;

We call for an end to the torture, cruel, inhumane and degrading treatment or even death of Indigenous people, including when held in custody or detention;

We call for reparations for the recovery of holistic physical, emotional and spiritual health and common well-being of Indigenous Peoples so that future generations can live in peace as free Peoples;

We call for the permanent protection of the remaining natural heritage of biodiverse old growth forests, native grasslands and wetlands, unique ecosystems, high conservation value areas, and all sacred and significant places and spaces;

We call for the protection of Indigenous cultural and intellectual property rights to traditional knowledge of biodiversity (In the UN Convention on Biological Diversity);

We acknowledge that over 90% of the cultural diversity in the world is within Indigenous Nations and Peoples;

We declare that the 1993 UN Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is a minimum standard recognising collective rights and is consistent with all other rights as espoused by international law, treaties, covenants and conventions;

We are convinced that, "All peoples have the right to self-determination. By virtue of that right they freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development. In no case may a people be deprived of its own means of subsistence" (United Nations Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, ICCPR and the UN International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, ICESCR);

We affirm that "The subjection of peoples to alien subjugation, domination and exploitation constitutes a denial of fundamental human rights, is contrary to the Charter of the United Nations and is an impediment to the promotion of co-operation and world peace. All peoples have an inalienable right to complete freedom, the exercise of their sovereignty, and the integrity of their national territory" as guaranteed under international law. (UN General Assembly Resolution 1514 [xv] on Decolonization);

We are mindful that many UN Nation States oppose self-determination for Indigenous Peoples because they fear the total disintegration of their illegitimate statehood gained through the invasive colonial process;

We are mindful that the invasion and usurpation of other Peoples' lands is against natural law as decreed by ancient customary and traditional Law/Lore;

We acknowledge that Treaties are the mechanism of international law that enshrine the sovereign rights of Indigenous Nations and Peoples;

We believe that healing and survival can only be ensured by discovering the strength of unity in the diversity in humanity. The healing will only occur when Indigenous Peoples locate and maintain natural spirituality and religious freedoms;

We call for a Geneva Peace Accord to ensure the full recognition of Indigenous Sovereignties under International supervision.

28th June, 2001

In this United Nations International Decade of Indigenous Peoples 1995-2004

We respectfully declare that Aboriginal Nations and Peoples in Australia are custodians of the Earth's oldest living cultures, whose indomitable spiritual connection to this ancient land, waters and life is the sovereign right and root title to land, superior to the imposed colonial system, which is foreign to what this land and Peoples are used to. The 1992 High Court Mabo judgement recognised native title as an undoubted ancient liberty preceding British law;

We emphasise that First Nations Peoples in Australia have never surrendered nor ceded sovereign rights to traditional lands and territories despite suffering more than 213 years of oppression and genocide;

We emphasize that the legitimacy of government derives from consent of the people to be governed. This consent has never been given by the Indigenous Peoples in Australia by treaty or otherwise. Aboriginal Peoples remain Sovereign Nations despite colonial rulings;

We respectfully declare that the Mabo High Court case ended *terra nullius* as a pseudo-legal basis of white sovereignty for the Australian Commonwealth government, which now illegally invokes the Act of State doctrine, although it is not a basis for sovereignty under international law;

We condemn the use of the Australian Constitution to permit the making of racially discriminatory laws, allowing for the derogation from human rights, as affirmed in the Hindmarsh Island case (Kartinyeri v The Commonwealth 1998, High Court of Australia);

We deplore the Native Title Amendment Act which was passed in the Commonwealth Parliament only subject to the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 being suspended and Australia's compliance with the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD) nullified. During the passing of this Act in the Australian Senate, Senator Bob Brown, leader of the Australian Greens stated that, "Let it be on the record... that this racial discrimination was done with intent" (6 July 1998).

We emphasize that on three occasions the CERD condemned the amended Native Title Act as racially discriminatory and recommended suspension of the Native Title Act and a commencement of open negotiations with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. CERD listed Australia for early warning and urgent action;

We declare the amended Native Title Act 1993 wrongfully extinguishes inherited rights to land and waters. It inhibits the exercise of self-determination, and is a continuation of the systematic, widespread and institutionalized genocide and ethnocide against the Aboriginal Peoples in Australia who have among the worst health and well-being indicators in the world

In the pursuit of peaceful co-existence among all people, we the undersigned request legislation from The Australian Senate and The House of Representatives to:

Suspend the Native Title Act and commence proper negotiations with Aboriginal Nations and Peoples under international supervision for the peaceful co-existence;

Halt the destruction and unsustainable development of Aboriginal lands as a prerequisite to negotiating the foundation of peaceful coexistence between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Peoples;

Finally end the hostilities of genocide and ethnocide by incorporating the United Nations Genocide Convention into domestic law so that genocide is a crime that is punishable and preventable without any reservations;

Repeal the Defence Legislation Amendment Act 2000 which provides immunity for defence personnel to shoot to kill unarmed civilians;

Discard the Administrative Decisions Bill (Anti-Teoh Bill) which attempts to prevent the legitimate expectation of legal remedies of justice from international human rights treaties;

Ensure the return of traditional lands, the regeneration of language, and spiritual and religious freedoms for all Aboriginal Nations and Peoples;

Finance reparations and non-monetary compensations for land theft, human rights violations and crimes against Aboriginal Peoples since 1788 to now;

Include in education systems an accurate portrayal of Aboriginal resistance to invasion, and the logical, moral and legal basis for respecting Aboriginal Sovereignty and traditional Law/Lore;

Formally entitle the land opposite old Parliament House in Canberra for a permanent Aboriginal Sovereign Embassy for the many diverse Aboriginal Nations and Peoples in Australia;

Prevent corporations using the 'divide and rule, co-option and coercion tactics' to gain consent from just a few unauthorized individuals who are not authorized in accordance with Aboriginal Law/Lore;

Respect the rights of First Nations Peoples to control and sustainably manage their own natural wealth and resources, including the right to veto development on any ancestral lands and territories;

Fully inform Aboriginal Peoples, in languages that are readily understood, the legal basis of any formal agreements, eg. Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) when signed extinguish native title;

We invite all interested people and organisations to table this draft Resolution at general meetings, discuss and network it with local Aboriginal people, and fax your endorsed copy ASAP to +61 2 6247 6821

I/we hereby endorse this resolution for recognition of Aboriginal Sovereignty, Spiritualty and Sustainability.

Name of Endorsing Organizations: .....

Name and Position of Authorized Person .....

Signature of Endorsing Individuals .....

Email: ..... Phone/Fax/Mobile: ..... Date: .....

Authorised by: **Sovereign Union of Aboriginal Nations and Peoples in Australia (SUANPA). sovereignunion@hotmail.com**

ABORIGINAL TENT EMBASSY

Media Release 19-07-01

LAYING DOWN THE ANCIENT LAW/LORE OF THIS LAND

On Friday 20th July 2001 at 10:00am Uncle Kevin Buzzacott, ceremonial keeper of the sacred fire for peace and justice with the elders at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra will take back the kangaroo and emu to their rightful dreaming place.

The Kangaroo and Emu are sacred animals of the ancient dreaming, stolen like our land, decimated like our culture and murdered along with the Aboriginal people. Currently the Aboriginal totems, Kangaroo and Emu are being unlawfully used as a tool of oppression by the Commonwealth government whose laws and policies are based on thief. Uncle Kevin Buzzacott stated: "These animals belong to the Aboriginal peoples. The Commonwealth government uses them in the coat of arms without our permission. They have no authority. Aboriginal peoples have more than 40,000 years jurisdiction, we are the real law of this land".

While the earth, water and air continue to be polluted and destroyed, the animals of this ancient land are dying, our totems are slaughtered to make way for farming, mining and even tourism. Uncle Kevin continues "they (the Commonwealth government) will be directed to remove the Kangaroo and Emu

from the Old Parliament House and other government buildings. Then we will go to the High Courts, Low Courts, Supreme and Federal Courts and demand that the totems of the dreaming be removed from the law courts. The Federal Police will be directed to remove our sacred totems from the badges on their uniforms. The spiritual totems of the dreaming will then be bought home for ceremony with all the clans and families".

It is as Aunty Wadjularbinna said " we are taking all our belonging ones home. By bringing the Emu and Kangaroo back we are relieving the oppressor of the curse that is on them for stealing our sacred Dreaming totems. They can have the lion and the unicorn instead".

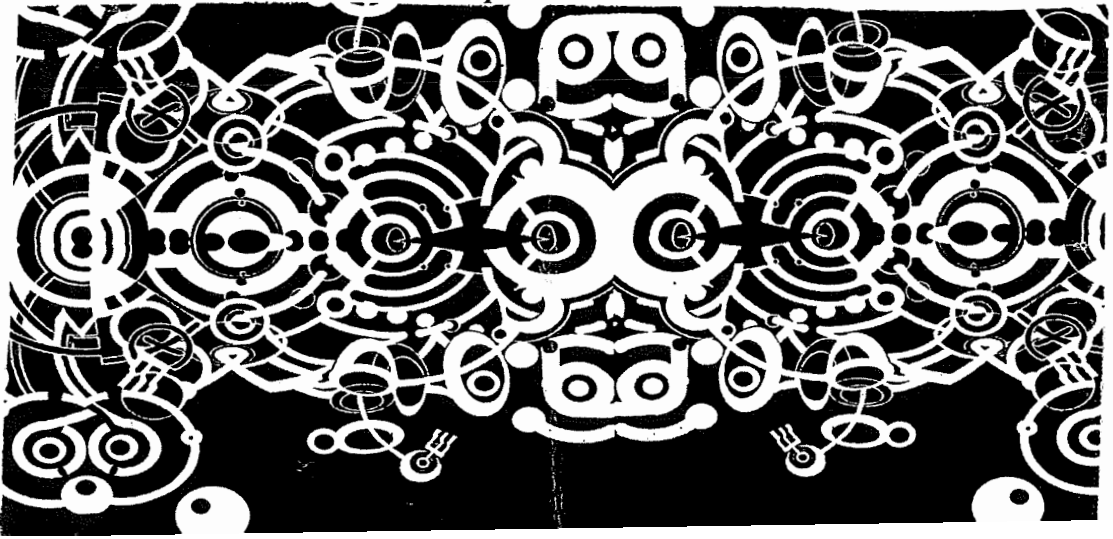
As these animals have been disconnected and misused by the oppressor a smoking ceremony will be performed for creation, we are calling up ancestral spirits, the moon, sun and stars. This is a universal ceremony and we ask for the ceremony to be respected. All respectful peoples are welcome to attend, it is asked that you bring a gift of wood to the fire.

CONTACT: KEVIN BUZZACOTT - 0401835053

C.I.A. Update:

The A.T.E. is under a lot of pressure to be closed down now before 'reconsillyation' square is built, Uncle Kevin and others from the Embassy are calling out for help. They are very short on people will spend time and help with the running of the Embassy, camp, and looking afters the Fire's. So go and help and take some wood and warm stuff or send them some love and support

and spread the word.



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WORK OF ARABUNNA PEACEMAKER RECOGNISED

For many years, Arabunna elder and peacemaker Kevin Buzzacott, has been inviting the Prime Minister of Australia and federal politicians, the Governor General, foreign embassies, the S.A. Premier, government officials, the Police Commissioner and staff. Western Mining Corporation's chief Hugh Morgan, his employees, the shareholders and the buyers of Roxby Downs uranium, to come and sit around the fire for Peace and Justice to begin peace talks.
This peace warrior will not 'lie down and die'. He says continually that something has' gone terribly wrong' in Australia and 'it is time to stop the wars. The time has come for human beings to lay down weapons and have peace'.

Kevin Buzzacott, from Lake Eyre in South Australia, was 'born to look after that old lake, it's very sacred' He watched as Western Mining giants arrived in the 70s and without proper authority from the traditional caretakers, set up their Olympic Dam operations at Roxby Downs. WMC was granted mining and pastoral leases by the S.A. government, guaranteed power subsidies and free water and protected by an indenture Act in 1982 which allowed the biggest uranium mine in the world to develop. Premier Tonkin assured Hugh Morgan that the government would not "permit security of tenure ...to be further jeopardised by any land rights or other claims". Roxby was officially opened in 1988, WMC draining 15 million litres of sacred old water from Lake Eyre each day. In 1999 operations were expanded and WMC were licenced to pump 42million litres per day.

ARABUNNA PEACEMAKER KEVIN BUZZACOTT TO RECEIVE 2001 NUCLEAR-FREE FUTURE AWARD

The mound springs of Lake Eyre South are fed by the Great Artesian Basin and they are suffering from the huge amount of water being taken. Some have dried up completely while others are dying more slowly. 'Water is Life. Water is more precious than gold.' The message from Kevin Buzzacott is ' simply Leave Old Lake Eyre and the waterways alone. No more destruction. Leave it. The Country is too old to be mucked around. We never dig that country for uranium. And we never chucked that poison back. Leave it there! Leave it there! '

His message has been heard in Europe.
This year. 2001, he will receive the Nuclear-free Future Award for Resistance to be presented in a ceremony at Carnsore Point, Wexford, Ireland on 9th Sept. The Award ceremony will be held in Ireland as part of a celebration that Ireland is nuclear-free. In 1978 Carnsore point was to be the site for Ireland's first nuclear power station, but the people in a great show of solidarity. said no to the proposed desecration and by public referendum made Ireland nuclear-free.

The international nuclear-free future awards for Solutions, Education, Resistance, and Lifetime Achievement, were first presented in 1998 and were launched from the 1992 World Uranium Hearing in Salzburg, Austria. Its jury members and advisors include well known international authors, actors, human rights activists and researchers.
The award pays tribute to individuals, communities and initiatives worldwide 'that have made a lasting contribution towards bringing us closer to a nuclear-free Earth'. The Resistance award honours those who 'resist uranium mining, nuclear weapons testing, the building of reactors, or the setting up of nuclear waste disposal sites'.

Arabunna elder, Kevin Buzzacott, has taken many steps to let people know of the effects that Roxby Downs uranium mine is having on his land, his people and the people of the earth. He says ' As the caretaker of these sacred underground artesian waters and the mound springs of Lake Eyre it is Arabunna law which guides and directs me in finding a way amongst the brokers of global power to put an end to this destruction',

On 15th January 1998, he handed WMC a notice to leave his country.

On 28th April 1998, he wrote 'Wisdom from the oldest culture in the world', a submission in opposition to the proposed National Waste Repository to be located at Billa Kalina, in the Lake Eyre Basin. In this he states ' We Arabunna People are outraged, fuming, that the government wants to dump its radioactive waste on this area it calls the Billa Kalina Region. We oppose this project outright. ...Do not dump that radioactive waste on any of our land. Do not turn Lake Eyre into a sacrificial area for the nuclear industry's poisonous waste. Do not keep exposing our people to the harmful radiation. Do not destroy another sacred site.

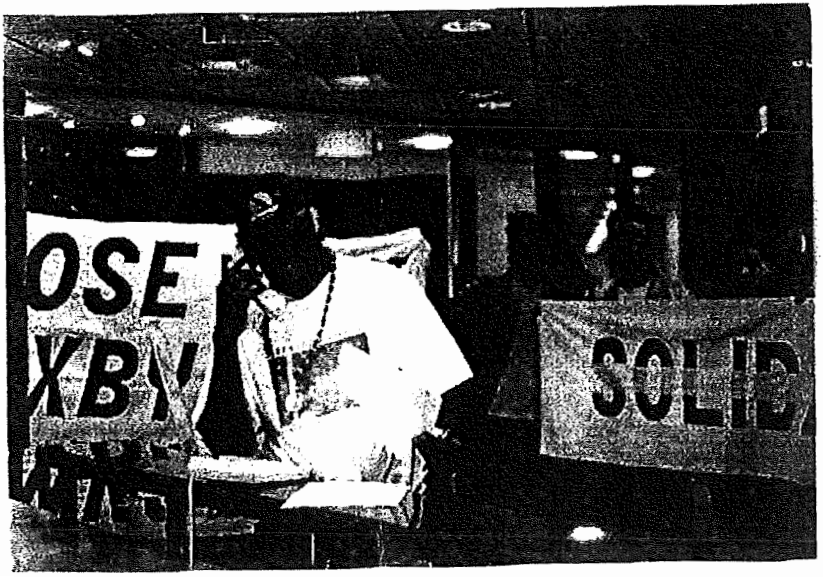
On 26th March 1999, he called people to set up an Arabunna Going Home camp on the shores of Lake Eyre South and to become 'Keepers of Lake Eyre'. 'Lake Eyre is calling... for Life, it has the recipe for Life ' was the message. The move was to start the healing process for people who had been dispossessed of their land and to protect the old country from further damage.
People built a permanent, ongoing camp and held celebrations, tours, working parties, monitored damage to the springs and land, talked to tourists, students and miners, and took direct action, to bring to public awareness what was happening in this isolated desert area. Documentaries were made, a web site established, and information was sent out in Australia and overseas.

www.come.to/lakeeyre.green.net.au

In December 1999, WMC bulldozed the camp.

'Political controversy is no stranger to Roxby'. Roxby revived the anti-uranium issue in the 80s. There were arguments about the indenture Bill, about safety, about right to information, about low cost power supplies and free water, about exclusive rights to enter and occupy leased land. There were union blockades, concerns about worker exposure to radiation, accidents, the tailings retention and of course the millions of litres of water being taken daily. 'WMC clearly had no intention, from the start, of allowing land claims to interfere in its plans; the Indenture Act left Aboriginal communities effectively without protection.' In August 1983, there was a successful occupation at Cane Grass to protect springs north of the mine. Many Aboriginal sites had not been recognised by the EIS, many had been devastated by the company despite attempts to stop the bulldozing. There were rallies. Roxstop, support, yet protected by the government, WMC continued to expand.

On 25thMarch 1999, the day before the Roxby expansion was launched, Kevin Buzzacott began legal proceedings in the Supreme Court of S.A. against WMC's managing director, Hugh Morgan, charging him with genocide. He also sought an interim injunction to stop the mine expansion and to demand that Hugh Morgan and WMC cease mining and leave Arabunna land immediately On 29thMarch1999, he commenced court action in the Federal Court of Australia against federal environment minister Robert Hill, foreign affairs minister Alexander Downer and others, charging them with genocide. It was stated that Hill's refusal to proceed with the nomination of Lake Eyre for World Heritage Listing, despite the area meeting all the criteria for listing, caused serious mental harm to the Arabunna whose culture taught them to care for the land not exploit it for mining. The court action also sought an injunction compelling the ministers to proceed with the World Heritage Listing. The case was heard by the full bench of the Federal Court in May, 1999.



When the Arabunna Going Home camp was destroyed by WMC in December,1999, Kevin Buzzacott took his issues to the city streets of Adelaide. He set up the Genocide Corner camp outside the Governor's residence and protested for 21 days throughout the busy Christmas and New Year period. The Adelaide City Council and the police extinguished his fire for Peace and Justice 3 times before arresting him at dawn on 6th Jan, 2000, on a charge of loitering.

On 26th March, 2000, the camp was set up again on the shores of Lake Eyre.

On 10th June, 2000, after ceremonies at the Lake Eyre camp, Kevin, joined by people 'from all walks of life', began 'Walking the Land – for our ancient right'. 'This historic walk is a journey for peace, freedom and healing the land and its peoples. We walk for the sovereign rights of Aboriginal people to our lands and our culture'.
The walk, from Lake Eyre to Sydney, covered 3060kms taking 85 days to arrive at Kurnell in Sydney just before the 2000 Olympic games.
The Kupa Piti Kungka Tjuta, the senior Aboriginal Women from Coober Pedy, S.A., who had farewelled the walk at Lake Eyre, travelled to Sydney to support Kevin, and to bring their message 'We say "NO radioactive dump in our ngura- in our country. It's strictly poison we don't want it.'

Kevin Buzzacott has been part of anti-uranium alliances and conferences, led rallies and protests, confronted mining bosses and police .....

'Whatever it takes to break through for peace'.

Kevin Buzzacott issued Statements to the Shareholders at the 1999, 2000, and 2001 WMC Annual General Meetings. He spoke to shareholders at the WMC AGM in Melbourne on 11th April, 2001, asking them to sell their shares, to become real shareholders of the land, real carers of the land, to stop mining uranium and close Roxby down. He said sorry for the people killed in the Gulf War and in Kosovo because he felt that he hadn't stopped Roxby uranium and the sacred water from his land from being used. He believes `Depleted uranium used in the NATO missiles has been linked to Roxby Downs....Our sacred precious water is being used to clean uranium. It wasn't meant for that. It's purpose is to give life not death. And that is just the start as uranium mining causes death and destruction from start to finish.'

Roxby `produces about 5000 tons of uranium oxide annually', WMC announcing in August 2001 that it is considering doubling. `Availability of water and electricity were two key issues' reported the Adelaide Advertiser, 15/8/01

The nine countries believed to buy Roxby uranium are Sweden, Britain, South Korea, Japan, France, Finland, USA, Canada, and Belgium.
Kevin will ask the embassies of these countries and the people from these countries to stop buying the uranium.

On 26th March 2001, people again returned to set up the Arabunna Going Home camp on the shores of Lake Eyre south to `combat the WMC water thieves'. It was a hard day for the Arabunna elder because despite his warnings to his people, Rio Tinto `the biggest killers in the world' signed a mining exploration agreement with a few of them to enter their country. Rio Tinto postponed their Jabiluka uranium project but set their sights on Lake Eyre. Kevin was saddened by the decision. He said ` My only defence... is to expose them nationally and internationally, which I intend to do.'

The struggle continues.....

Kevin Buzzacott feels honoured to be chosen for the 2001 Nuclear-free Future Resistance Award, and is glad that these issues are to receive world wide attention.
He calls on the world ` to lay down all weapons, to freeze the Star Wars operations, to cease uranium mining immediately and make peace.'
Look for natural energy ways and heal old mother earth.

` What must one do to find world peace ? '

CONTACT : KEVIN BUZZACOTT 0401835053

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SUSPECTS IN THE GANG RAPE OF NEW SOUTH WALES

GANG ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

 # PUTTING POKER MACHINES ON EVERY CORNER

 # SUBJECTING THE STATE'S CITIZENS AND VISITORS TO RANDOM SEARCHES BY GOONS WITH DOGS

 # INTRODUCING LAWS THAT REQUIRE THE ACCUSED TO PROVE THEIR INNOCENCE

THE ABORIGINAL TENT EMBASSY HAS ALREADY BEEN TO THE HIGHEST COURTS IN AUSTRALIA AND BELIEVES THAT TRUTH, PEACE, JUSTICE AND SOVEREIGNTY CAN NEVER BE ACHIEVED HERE IN THE AUSTRALIAN COURTS. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ABORIGINAL TENT EMBASSY CONSULATE IN THE HAGUE WOULD BE TO LOBBY THE WORLD COURTS TO INTERVENE IN THESE PARAMOUNT AND SACRED ISSUES.

A FIVE YEAR CAMPAIGN BY THE ABORIGINAL TENT EMBASSY IN THE HAGUE IS ANTICIPATED WITH THE OVERALL VIEW OF BUILDING AND MAINTAINING AN INTERNATIONAL PLATFORM SO THE ISSUES THAT HAVE TO BE OVERCOME BECOME EVIDENT TO THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENTS OF AUSTRALIA, BRITAIN AND, JUST AS IMPORTANTLY, THE REST OF THE WORLD.

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Australia avoids Human Rights scrutiny by refusing to sign the European Union Trade Treaty

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Sovereign Union of Aboriginal Nations and Peoples in Australia

The survival of our Mother Earth
and our very right to exist is what we have to defend.

Sovereign Union and Our Political Future

The Sovereign Union is an organisation that does not accept the right of the existing pseudo-government of Australia to rule over the rights of our Peoples. We have to understand that there are a number of International Court of Justice decisions that clearly state that Sovereignty remains with the People. (Western Sahara Case and others)

The international objectives of the Sovereign Union are to have our Peoples recognised as 'Peoples' under the international legal definition. By campaigning to have this recognised we, as First Nations Peoples, have the international right as independent Peoples to assert the right of self-determination under international law. We cannot achieve this by sitting on our backsides in Australia, because we know that the Australian Government has very different objectives. We can achieve this by being empowered and coming together as Peoples and Nations and joining the Sovereign Union, taking the issues overseas and making them into international issues.

After the MABO (No.2) decision was handed down, the former Chief Justice of the High Court, Justice Anthony Mason, wrote that when "settlement" occurred there was already in existence an international law that could have permitted the invaders and the First Nations Peoples of Australia to co-exist without one or the other having to give up their rights to exist as independent and free Peoples.

There were also mechanisms that could and should have been used to ensure our right to exist as independent and free Peoples, living in the one country, observing our own customs, traditions and Law/Lore.

In 1995 the Australian Government put to the United Nations Working Group on Indigenous Peoples, that they object to the use of the term "the right of self-determination", if it is not restricted to the right of the Indigenous Peoples to have the limited right to say 'how they should be governed'.

The objectives of the Australian Government are to have us all become Australians. This is what the Assimilation Policy, Reconciliation and Mainstreaming is about. Now they are just telling us to accept it, because they will not recognise us as Aboriginal (First Nations Peoples) with the right to be different from the rest of the Australian population.

They never thought about this when they were stealing away our children from us and jailing us on Government and religious reserves, without the right of freedom of association and movement; feeding us on an inadequate diet of impoverished food rations and taking that away from families if they defied the manager. We were not free Australians then and we are not free Australians now. Look at the legislation that controls us around this country. We are the most legislated for Peoples in the world, over 100 Acts of oppressive law. This is the way they still control us because they know we are Free peoples and we have never given them the right to govern us in any way.

They tell us they are providing 'Special measures'. Of course they are special measures. Special measures to dictate to us and control us through bureaucratic red tape and administration. - bureaucratic administration controlled by whites and the government appointed black pseudo-leadership, who cannot even trust their own kind to run our own organisations. They have been 'trained' well.

The Sovereign Union is our political vehicle to fight the hard fights. The Sovereign Union is to become our Black Parliament, serving the interests of the Aboriginal constituency. It is to become the vehicle for our political leadership both nationally and internationally, led by the wisdom of the Elders.

There is no doubt that the government black appointees and the self-appointed black leadership will come and say that what the Sovereign Union stands for is a 'pipe dream', full of unrealistic objectives. They told the Gurindji that they were unrealistic; they told the Black Power movement that they didn't want anything to do with them; they told the founders of the Aboriginal Embassy that they were mad and no-one would take any notice of them; they told the leaders of the Land Rights movement that they wouldn't get anywhere; they told Eddie Mabo he would get nowhere; they agreed with Keating that pastoral leases extinguished native title, until the Wik People challenged it; they said that we would not achieve much at the CERD (United Nations Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Racism) and other UN committees, but we won. Australia has been condemned in the international arena and advised to suspend implementation of the Native Title Act as amended and open negotiations with us, because the amended Native Title Act is racially discriminatory by extinguishing our rights and validating white interests in land.

The survival of our MOTHER EARTH and our very right to exist is what we have to defend.

Now have some heart - we did it before and we will do it again.

There are no properly independent organisations working for Aboriginal Nations and Peoples, anywhere in Australia, because they are all government funded and controlled. How can we be independent and represent the interests of our people if we are dependant upon government aid? Now is the time to join the fight before they give it away through "reconciliation", and we all become assimilated Blacks.

It is our duty to lead the way for the young and future generations.

Stand up for your right to exist as free and independent sovereign Nations and Peoples.
IT CAN AND WILL BE DONE.

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Six million non-Aboriginal Australians would die if they had the same mortality rates as Aboriginal Peoples.

A refusal to purchase or drink Australian wines highlights the complicity of the EU with the Australian Commonwealth Government in the human rights abuses against Aboriginal Nations and Peoples, who are subjugated to a colonial power and suffer the worst health and well-being indicators in the world.

From: FoE Sydney - Nuclear Campaign <nonukes@foesyd.org.au>

STOP STAR WARS/MISSILE DEFENCE

The influential rightwing US based Heritage Foundation has urged that Mr Howard be approached for assistance in the controversial Missile Defence program. The US has stated it would not object to a Chinese nuclear build-up or even Chinese testing as long as China did not object to Missile defence. It was even suggested that China and the US might recommence nuclear testing. Missile Defence would violate the Anti-ballistic Missile (ABM) treaty, which has served since 1972 as the basis for global strategic stability.

President Bush has announced repeatedly that the US intends to withdraw from that treaty. If it does so unilaterally then the entire framework of nuclear arms limitation and reduction may crumble. That could return the world to a situation of unrestrained nuclear arms racing like we had in the 1970s and 1980s, when the world truly stood at the brink of the apocalypse. Although the Australian Senate has twice passed resolutions rejecting Missile Defence, Australia is almost alone in having expressed support for Missile Defence. Opinion polls show that over 90% of all Australians want the government to do more to eliminate nuclear weapons.

SAMPLE LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER

PRIME MINISTER JOHN HOWARD 02-6273-4100, 9251-5454
CC KIM BEAZLEY 02-6277-8495

Dear Prime Minister John Howard,
. I am deeply concerned over the United States desire to deploy a missile defence system and to abrogate the ABM treaty. I am particularly worried that if the United States abrogates the ABM treaty, it may lead to a renewed nuclear arms race. Australians of all political persuasions will also be worried about this possibility. A new nuclear arms race should be cause for deep concern from everyone. Your government seems to have adopted a policy of supporting Missile Defence. I urge you to reconsider that policy in the light of its impact on nuclear weapons levels worldwide. I urge you very much to press President Bush, when you see him, to proceed urgently with his election campaign promises of deep cuts to the numbers of nuclear warheads and to lower the alert status of US nuclear weapons. These policies should not be made conditional on the elimination or rewriting of the ABM treaty. Urge him also to support the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, (CTBT) which Australia worked so hard to bring to fruition. I urge you when you see President Bush to impress on him the danger of a renewed global nuclear arms race that abrogation of the ABM treaty might trigger. I realize that when you see him you may have vital issues of trade to discuss as well as other matters. However I am sure that the issue of Australian support for missile defence is bound to come up. Over 90% of Australians think the government should do more toward the elimination of nuclear weapons. We are worried that Missile Defence will do just the opposite. Please tell president Bush that Australia will not support Missile Defence in any way. I am also writing to my federal member about this issue,

Yours Sincerely (your name) .
If you want to send it by post, send it to:
'The Prime Minister,
C/o Parliament House,
Canberra, ACT, 2600'

u.r. the media, the dj the journo, the organiser, the star
RECLAIM THE MEDIA
MAKE ZINES, MAKE MUSIC, PUT OUT THE POSITIVE MESSAGE
CREATE CHANGE, LIBERATE, JOIN THE MASSIVE
Join your revolution

Cat@lyst (Community Access Technology) is a non-profit computer collective that for eight years has been supporting community groups and activists on the net. Our biggest project so far has become the Indy Media phenomenon. What started out as an optimistic experiment in open publishing for the J18 protests in 1999, has mushroomed into a global network. Written by the Catalyst collective and given out for free, the software now runs Independent Media Center web sites in over 55 cities worldwide. It turns the mainstream "one to many" model of media on its head with the news generated by the audience. Open publishing is a radical method that pushes community media into uncharted waters. It raises all sorts of issues from freedom of speech to intellectual property rights. The heart of this project is an easy-to-use graphical interface that makes publishing your stories and pictures on the internet a snap! What's more, they go straight up onto the web anonymously if you choose - and most importantly with no editorial censorship. Upload your stories now at www.sydney.indymedia.org

Active Sydney is another Catalyst sister project that focuses on community/activist events. It hosts a web calender that connects hundreds of progressive projects Australia wide. Publicise your issue/event now at www.active.org.au

Catalyst is an open collective of web activists - internet media/agitprop/ anti-authoritian, non-hierarchical, fun, funky & feral.
Find out more at www.cat.org.au/cat or email cat@cat.org.au

Boycotting Australian wines exposes Australia's refusal to sign the European Union trade agreement, which has a standard human rights clause allowing European scrutiny of human rights violations in the trading partner's country. Between Australia and the EU there is only a watered down 'joint declaration' signed by Foreign Minister, Alexander Downer, on 29 June 1997. The lack of the trade agreement disqualifies Australian produce from the lowered trade tariffs. Australia is prepared to forego trade with Europe in order to prevent scrutiny of Australia's human rights violations against Aboriginal Peoples in Australia.

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